

BREAK WITH AUSTRIAN NEAR

DECIDES JURISDICTION ON BAY STATE RY. FARES

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Probably Decide Fare on Interstate Railways

Special to The Sun.
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 16.—Regardless of the decision which the Massachusetts public service commission may reach on the contention of Attorney General W. Crocker that it has no jurisdiction to grant the petition of the Bay State Street Railway company and the Massachusetts Northeastern Street Railway company, both for authority to increase their basic rate of fare from five to six cents, it became known today that the interstate commerce commission has decided that it has jurisdiction over both roads.

This decision of the interstate commission was reached some time ago, in connection with proceedings participated in by four western urban roads, and by the Bay State Street Railway company, the latter company being represented at that time by James F. Jackson, who now represents it before the public service commission and contends that the latter tribunal has authority to pass upon the fare increases.

In its decision, the commission said: "For some of the companies detailed figures are presented and tend to show that their interstate business and operations are of comparatively little importance. It is a fact, however, although but little note was taken of it in any of the briefs, that certain of these companies whose properties are physically interstate have interstate connections and affiliations, and all of them have given evidence, by the filing of tariffs, etc., with the commission, that they are ready and willing to accept such interstate traffic as may be offered within proper restrictions. The extent of participation in interstate traffic can not be looked upon as being very material if, as we should seek to be justified in assuming from all the circumstances, the companies here concerned are regularly engaged in the transportation of interstate traffic. Nor can the actual physical location of a railway line be accepted as the ruling consideration in the determination of the question whether or not it participates in interstate commerce, and in view of numerous rulings of the courts it does not seem to be open to question that traffic crossing a state line is interstate traffic, although in one particular case the highest court has held that certain traffic, although admittedly interstate, is not such as congress intended to make subject to this commission.

"It may be that the framers of the various statutes relating to interstate commerce by railroad, under which this commission operates, were chiefly concerned with the steam railroads, but it would seem that the promotion of safety of interstate travel by electric lines and the prevention of such abuses as may arise in their operation and management are also matters of concern to congress, and unless it can be more clearly shown that there is something in the purpose of one or the other of the acts that would exclude electric lines, we must continue to hold, with the qualifications resulting from the decision in the case above referred to, that electric railways engaged in interstate transportation are subject to our jurisdiction."

HOYT.

REPLY TO NOTE ON THE ANCONA UNSATISFACTORY

Pres. Wilson and Sec. Lansing Reserve Comment Until Official Text Arrives —U. S. Will Not Enter Into Exchange of Opinions—Excerpts are Regarded Wholly Unsatisfactory, Unacceptable and Disappointing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Austria's No Official Word
reply to Secretary Lansing's note on the Ancona, is regarded, on the basis of the unofficial reports received today from London and Amsterdam, as wholly unsatisfactory, unacceptable and disappointing to the United States. Diplomatic relations between the two countries may safely be described as standing at the breaking point.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are reserving comment until they have the official translation and text at hand, but it is stated authoritatively that the United States will enter into no exchange of opinions as the Vienna foreign office is represented as suggesting, and absolutely will decline to discuss the facts of the torpedoing and shelling of the Ancona by an Austrian submarine with consequent loss of American lives.

No official word has reached the state department today that the Austrian reply had been delivered to American Ambassador Rendel, but the news despatches containing excerpts, were taken in official quarters as sufficient evidence that the rejoinder is on its way to Washington.

From such part of the unofficial text as is contained in the news despatches officials considered the reply vague in many respects, but they were not prepared to decide whether that was caused by the translation.

The suggestion for an exchange of opinions, the virtual request for a bill of particulars of the American complaint against the action of the submarine commander and the proposal for a discussion of the facts were clearly set forth, however, in the unofficial text and officials of the state department who have knowledge of its policy in the crisis unhesitatingly declared that all would be refused. It was made clear that the United States does not purpose to enter into a diplomatic discussion which would have possibilities of being prolonged almost indefinitely.

Outline Disappointing
The outline of the reply was disappointing because some American officials had been led to believe by predictions from Germanic quarters that it would be favorable, or at least would propose something which the United States could accept.

As Secretary Lansing based the representations in his note upon the official statement of the Austrian ambassador, it is believed that the Austrian reply was set forth, however, in the unofficial

MANCHESTER YOUTH PUT GUN TO CLERK'S HEAD

Bold Attempt at Robbery in Market Street—Jesse James Argument Leads to Blows

A bold robbery was attempted late yesterday afternoon in a small store at 124 Market street conducted by J. H. Houpis, when Alvin Lapey, aged 18 years, of Manchester, N. H., walked into the store and approaching one of the clerks, dashed a revolver and ordered him to turn over the contents of the cash drawer or his life would not be worth a cent. The clerk faced the loaded revolver bravely, however, and knocking the alleged robber to the floor took the weapon from his hands.

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KIDNAPPED GIRLS SEEN

Police of Fitchburg Saw Them With Man — Warrant Out for D. G. Gilson, Suspected

A warrant was issued in the local police court this forenoon for the arrest of David G. Gilson, aged 70 years and a veteran of the Civil war, charged with kidnapping the two James children, Edie, aged 11 years, and Vivian, aged nine years, who lived with their mother at 30 Wilson street. The warrant was issued on a complaint of Deputy Supt. Hugh Downey.

The first trace of the James children since their mysterious disappearance from the vicinity of the Lincoln school last Friday afternoon was found today. Supt. Welch received a telephone message from the chief of the Fitchburg police department informing him that Gilson, who is well known in that city, was seen boarding a train for North Adams at the Fitchburg railroad station at 7.35 o'clock Saturday night, the day after the children were missed. Gilson, who was accompanied by Fitchburg by two small children, is supposed to have arrived on a train from Boston. Inquiries made by the Fitchburg police resulted in the information that the old man purchased 30 cents worth of candy at the station and handed it to the children. In conversation with a railroad man, he is said to have stated that the two girls were his grandchildren and he was taking them away from their mother because she had abused them. The North Adams police were communicated with and requested to make a search for the man.

The Sun also learned today that the mother of the children whose names have been given out as Mrs. Alice James was married for the second time on January 2, 1912, to one Henry H. Johnson, whose whereabouts at this time is not known. Mrs. James then gave her age as 32 years and Johnson said he was 24. She was then the mother of four children. Subsequently the Social Service league was interested in the family.

Besides the two children alleged to have been kidnapped, Mrs. Johnson, or James, now has two younger children at home. Another daughter, Catherine, aged 18 years does not live at home. The mother has always been known by relatives and neighbors to have been devoted to her children and has worked continually for their welfare.

The developments in the case today include the fact that Gilson contented buying a horse and buggy last week. He is said to have called at the stable of John T. Donlan, Franklin street, on Thursday last with the intention of buying a team. He was given an outfit for trial and reported a short time afterward that everything was satisfactory and he would be around the following day, Friday, to take the team and pay the bill. He had a little girl with him at the time. It is said, in conversation with Mr. Donlan, he said that he was his intention to work his way to Florida, driving a short distance each day, and selling poems on the way, the occupation that he followed in this city.

Gilson did not return for the team Friday, but was met at the Middlesex street station by Mr. Donlan, who mentioned the horse. The man said that he had decided not to buy the outfit as the children who were to accompany him on the journey had agreed that the riding would be too cold.

The fact that a man answering Gilson's description had examined road maps of Virginia and other states at Murphy's ticket agency leads the police to believe that he had intended to carry out these plans but for the cold weather. The same man is said to have called at Lee's ticket office and inquired the price of tickets to Fitzgerald, Florida. It is not believed that he sailed, however.

Sergt. David Petre today went to Boston to talk with a railroad conductor believed to have had some conversation with Gilson last Saturday. The police of several other cities in the state have also promised their co-operation in locating the man. His description, already published in The Sun, is one that would attract attention.

The mother of the children, who is using every possible influence to get the girls back, still continues her work at the U. S. Cartridge Co. in order to support the children now at home.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Extensive Preparations for Turco-German Campaign Against Suez Canal and Egypt

Reports have reached Rome that extensive preparations have been made for a Turco-German campaign against the Suez canal and Egypt. Only 60 miles of the railway from Damascus to the Sinai peninsula remain to be built and all measures have been taken to insure supplies of water for the traversing of the desert. It is declared that 300,000 Turkish troops already have been concentrated for the operations.

Turkish Gains

Turkish gains against the British at Kut-al-Amara, on the Tigris, are reported by the Constantinople government. It is claimed that Turkish artillery fire sank a British monitor on the river.

200,000 Allies in Saloniki

According to London advices from Saloniki, the Anglo-French forces there now total 200,000 men. The opinion is expressed that the allied forces will not be disturbed by a Bulgarian invasion of Greece, but that in any event the entente forces are prepared for a stand on a fortified line in northern Greece which they will try to hold until the positions at Saloniki are well protected by fortifications.

Bank of France

It is reported in Paris that the stock of gold held by the Bank of France has reached the record figure of \$1,000,000,000.

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NEW HAVEN TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—There was no record on the books of the Billard Co. which would show that the stock of the Metropolitan Steamship company was ever sold to the late Gov. John F. Hill of Maine, according to testimony adduced by the government today at the trial of Edward B. Robbins and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

This stock it is alleged by the government, was transferred to the control of the Billard company by means of series of involved financial transactions engineered at the behest of Robbins, for the benefit of the New Haven and then sold to Gov. Hill.

The testimony was given by Samuel Hemingway, president of the Second National bank of New Haven, treasurer of the Billard Co. and brother of the defendant, James F. Hemingway.

"If the books of the Billard Co.," asked James W. Osborne, for the government, "had been subjected to inspection by an officer of the government he could not have found out, could he, that the Metropolitan stock had been transferred to Gov. Hill?"

"Well, it might be shown by other entries," said Hemingway.

"Show me such an entry."

Hemingway examined the books of the company and conceded that they did not contain such an entry.

Hemingway, whose recollection throughout his testimony yesterday

STRUCK BY AUTO

Children Injured on Moore St. This Afternoon While Coasting

An automobile owned by James Burns of the U. S. Cartridge company collided with a double runner loaded with children at the corner of Moore and Adams streets about 1.10 o'clock this afternoon and five of the children were injured. It seems that the automobile was going towards South Lowell and the double runner came down the hill directly in front of it. Mr. Burns, however, managed to turn his wheel and struck the sled a glancing blow. Had he run straight into the sled the chances are that some of the occupants would have been killed. The injured ones are two Melville children and Michael and Bessie Keohane of Agawam street and John Hanson of East Blechnery street. The children were attended by Dr. James B. O'Connor.

FREDERICK W. SWIFT DEAD

WAS DEPUTY COLLECTOR IN U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IN BOSTON CUSTOMS SERVICE

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 15.—Frederick W. Swift, a deputy collector in the United States internal revenue service in the Boston customs service, died here at his home today at the age of 61.

He was a graduate of Harvard college in the class of 1874 and had been commodore of the New Bedford Yacht club.

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GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION OF CONSPIRACY TO INSTIGATE STRIKES

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The grand jury which has been investigating the Franz von Rintelen conspiracy to instigate strikes in munition factories will reconvene on Monday. It was stated at the federal building today.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be the first witness called before the jurors. Gompers has notified the federal officials that he will be here at the end of the week.

Several other witnesses will be examined in addition to Gompers, but United States Attorney Marshall expects that the grand jury will complete its work before Christmas.

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ON THE
98c
TABLE
YOU WILL FIND

Manture Sets—Japanese Vases—Chocolate Pots—Berry Bowls—Mayonnaise Sets—Sardine Holders—Tobacco Jars—Candlesticks—Celery Sets—Dresser Sets—Manture Sets—Jelly Sets—Cracker Jar—Etc., Etc. Actual \$1.50 and \$2.00 Values.

SIR JOHN FRENCH OUSTED

General Sir Douglas Haig Made Commander-in-Chief of British Army in France

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Gen. Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French in command of the British armies in France and Flanders.

Gen. Sir Douglas Haig is 54 years old. He began his military career with the Seventh Hussars in 1885 and served in the Sudan and South African campaigns, in both of which he won distinguished honors and promotions. At the outbreak of the present war he was general officer commanding at Aldershot and afterward was made commander of the first army.

Lauded by His Superior

Several times during the present war Gen. Haig has come in for high praise in the despatches of the general whom he is now succeeding. At the battle of the Aisne his conduct was described by Field Marshal Sir John French as "bold, skillful and decisive." In November of last year Sir Douglas, then a lieutenant general, was promoted to the rank of general for distinguished service in the field.

Field Marshal French, in his despatch to the British war office describing the famous retreat from Mons,

credited Sir Douglas with having executed his corps from a difficult position at Landreocles.

Conducted Skillful Retreat

"I sent urgent messages to the commander of the two French reserve divisions on my right to come up to the assistance of the First Corps, which they eventually did," said the field marshal's despatch. "Partly owing to this assistance, but mainly to the skillful manner in which Sir Douglas Haig executed his corps from an exceptionally difficult position in the darkness of the night, they were able to dawn to resume their march south toward Vassigny on Guise."

Gen. Haig is a Scotchman. He won his first honor under Gen. Kitchener in the Sudan, where he was promoted to a brevet major on the field for gallantry at Aahara and before Khartoum. The change had been expected for some time and it was announced in the house of commons yesterday that a statement would be published immediately.

Appointment No Surprise
Sir John French becomes commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom and for his 16 months' services at the front has been created Viscount of the United Kingdom.

Although many names had been mentioned as the possible successor of Field Marshal French, including that of the Duke of Connaught, the appointment, it is said, was anticipated in the best-informed circles.

Field Marshal Sir John French had been in charge of the British forces on the continent since the outbreak of the war. He is one of the best known of British soldiers and always has had the reputation of being a skillful and dashing leader of men.

Sir John was born in 1852. He served four years in the navy, but liking the sea, he joined the militia and through it entered the army. He has seen wide service.

During the famous Ulster movement in March of 1914, Field Marshal French, then chief of staff of the British army, resigned his commission. He was one of the signatories of the memorandum to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight the Ulster nationalists and regarding the repudiation of the document by the government as a slight on himself, he resigned.

Sir Douglas Haig then became chief of staff, but at the outbreak of the war Field Marshal French was appointed to command the expeditionary army.

would have spent several hours at home before the end came.

Mrs. Mosher was graduated from the Waltham high school in 1905, her husband, Harry Mosher, being a member of the same class. Their marriage took place before graduation, the couple eloping to Providence. She was 25 years old at the time of her death. While in high school she was very popular, being vice president of her class and taking an important part in theatricals there.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL
At last evening's meeting of Court City of Lowell, Foresters of America, held in Odd Fellows hall the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Henry J. McVoy; sub-chief ranger, Michael Sullivan; treasurer, Thomas F. O'Day; financial secretary, Patrick McGilly; recording secretary, George B. McKenna; senior woodward, Charles Richards; junior woodward, Daniel McGeever; senior beadle, Eugene P. Sullivan; junior beadle, Michael Gilligan; lecturer, Philip Ginty; physician, Dr. Harold B. Plunkett. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Industry Council, R.A.
A well attended meeting of Industry Council, Royal Arcanum, was held last evening in its regular quarters with Regent Harvey J. Chase in the chair. Committee reports were heard and routine business was transacted.

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WALTHAM WOMAN COMING FROM CALIFORNIA TO DIE AT HOME
SUTTERED ON TRAIN
WALTHAM, Dec. 16.—Because the train on which she made the last lap of her 3000-mile race against death was six hours late in arriving in Waltham, Mrs. Marian C. Mosher, well known in Waltham society, lost her fight to die in her own home, passing away on the train shortly before its arrival here yesterday.

As the train drew into the depot the people gathered there witnessed a sad spectacle. The first to alight was the girl's mother, then followed her little daughter. The father came next, bearing the dead daughter in his arms.

Every precaution was taken to save the young woman's life on her trip home from California, where she had been trying to recover health. A trained nurse was engaged in Nebraska and her services were kept to the end of the journey. Mr. Clark joined the party in Chicago.

When it became known that she could not recover, Mrs. Mosher expressed a desire to come home to die. The start was made and every precaution taken, but when the father joined her it was seen that if any delay occurred her fight might be lost.

Monday night a severe storm delayed the train, and throughout the day Tuesday every effort was made to get back to schedule. As they were within ten miles of home, Mrs. Mosher passed away. Had the train been on time she

by Dr. Hugh Walker, John McKinley, A. E. Rountree and Charles E. O'Donnell.

Division 8, A.O.H.
At this week's meeting of Division 8, A.O.H., seven applications for membership were received and four acted upon. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Michael Wrenn; vice president, Edward J. Flannery; financial secretary, Thomas Darcy; recording secretary, Patrick P. Sheridan; treasurer, Nicholas Soraghan; physician, Dr. James M. Loughran; sick committee, Thomas Larkin, Hugh McGowan and Frank G. Bourke; standing committee, John Barrett, Patrick Heslin, John J. Mulligan, John Donlon and Michael Gorman; door-keeper, John McGarry; sergeant-at-arms, Michael Scanlon.

A DOUBLE ELOPEMENT
TWO YOUNG COUPLES FROM GREATER BOSTON WENT TO MONTPELLIER, VT., TO BE MARRIED
BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A despatch from Montpelier, Vt., last night tells of a double wedding in that city yesterday of four young people living in Greater Boston, who apparently eloped to escape waiting five days for marriage licenses. The names of the contracting parties are given as Roland Hall, aged 27, of 11 March street, Salem, and Madeline Mildred McIntyre, a widow, aged 30, 126 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury; Norman T. Gregory, aged 21, of 5 Hancock street, Beverly, and Madeline M. Brown, aged 19, of 125 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury.

The quartet arrived in Montpelier about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning and went immediately to city hall where they obtained marriage licenses and were married at a double ceremony by City Clerk L. C. Mealy. It is said that the mother of young Gregory objected to his marriage because he was too young.

It was said in this city last night that Mrs. Hall had been a widow since last April and has a son about 7. A sister of the Brown girl said Mrs. McIntyre had occupied half of the apartment with herself and sister for the past few months and she believed the four had been acquainted about four months.

Mrs. Brown said her sister Madeline was only 15. Monday relatives of the Brown girl and Norman T. Gregory, now her husband, got word they were to be married and Le Roy H. Gregory of Charlestown, a brother of the bridegroom, motored to Beverly, where the four were found. He is said to have tried without success to have his brother wait a while before marrying.

The couples stopped at Nathan Tuesday. It is said to get married, but from the way they had to wait five days, Mr. Hall said they wanted to keep the wedding secret until Christmas in order to give their relative a surprise.

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"NAVY POET" TO WED

PATRICK McGILL ATTAINED FAME AS AUTHOR OF "CHILDREN OF THE DEAD END"

LONDON, Dec. 1 (Correspondence)—Patrick McGill, who began life as a laborer, came into fame as the author of "Children of the Dead End," and lately distinguished himself by bravery at Loos, will have a wedding in London that many aristocrats would envy. Among the guests invited to the luncheon that follows the ceremony are the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, Viscount Escher, Lady St. Helier and Canon and Lady Dalton, with his publisher, Mr. Herbert Jenkins, as his best man.

McGill is known as the "navy poet," the word "navy" meaning locally a road to glory. When the war broke out, he enlisted in the London Irish. When wounded at Loos, he was rescued under fire some of his companions who had been shot down. On another occasion, a shell burst above his head and killed or wounded many men in his section without giving him a scratch. His own wound in the fleshy part of the arm will soon be healed, when he will return to the firing line. The author's bride is Miss Margaret Gibbons, a grandniece of the Cardinal, and herself a writer.

MISS FITZPATRICK RECOVERING
Miss Margaret C. Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick of 1320 Gorman street, who was injured in an automobile accident Sunday, is reported to be resting comfortably at St. John's hospital today. Miss Fitzpatrick was struck by a flying Sunday night, while alighting from an electric car near the corner of Gorman and Cosgrove streets. She received injuries to both legs.

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5c Size Sardines.....3 for 10c	Salt Codfish.....15c lb.
15c Size Steak Salmon.....12c	(English Cure—No Bones)
	Shredded Fish.....3 for 12c
	3 lb. Box Cod.....49c

FUNERALS

LAKE—The funeral of Joseph G. Lake was held from his home, 30 Chelmsford street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Arthur C. Archibald, pastor of the First Baptist church. The bearers were Messrs. John C. Butcher, W. D. Howell, Frank Trull and F. M. Smith. Burial was in the family lot in Westland cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

JACKSON—The funeral services of Mrs. Abbie A. Jackson were held at her home in Lebanon, N. H., Tuesday afternoon. The body was brought to Lowell and burial took place yesterday in the family lot in the Edison cemetery, where the committal service was read by Rev. A. C. Archibald, pastor of the First Baptist church. The local arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

FRAWLEY—The funeral of Mary

Frawley, infant daughter of David F. and Catherine M. Frawley, was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, 91 Eustis avenue. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Peter H. Savage was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

TIGHE—The funeral of Matthew J. Tighe took place yesterday from his home, 55 Clinton street, Brockton. A funeral high mass was celebrated in St. Margaret's church, Brockton, by Rev. A. J. Hamilton. At the conclusion of the church services the body was brought to this city. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Joseph Curran read the committal service. The bearers were Messrs. Frank White, George Lafarge, Patrick Kelly, Austin O'Toole, Charles Ryan and John Ryan. Among the floral offerings were: pillow, the family, and sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tighe, Mrs. Susan Reardon, Mrs. James F. Carroll, Helena G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George McDermott, Mrs. Annie Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. George Lafarge, Franklin A. C. Mr. and Mrs. H. McSherry, Elizabeth Murray, employees of George E. Keith, sole leather room, Bay State street railway, Charles Sever, Harry Boldner, Kenneth Wilder, Ralph Dowd, William Murray, John Devlin, Mr. Nelson, Preston Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Green, Mrs. W. K. Fairbanks and Catherine Wholey. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Charles H. Molloy.

STACK—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Stack, formerly of Lowell, took place yesterday morning from her home in Lowell, where the body was brought from her home in Lowell, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. James L. McGinness. In attendance were many relatives and friends from Lowell and Diamond Hill, R. I. After the services the body was sent to Lowell for burial in the Catholic cemetery. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker J. Connolly of Boston and James F. O'Donnell & Sons of Lowell. Among the many floral tributes were: Pillows inscribed "Our Mother," "Mother," wreath with ribbon marked "Mamma," from Mrs. Catherine Stack, standing wreath, Mrs. Provencence and family, and flowers from Mrs. A. M. Brooks family, Master James Thomas, Miss Jennie Nealon, Harpings employees, Mrs. E. H. Thomas and family, Miss Jennie Nealon, Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Murtha, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rouine and family, Miss Laurie, Mrs. Shawfield, Miss Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Bralton, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Gentry and family, Lancaster club, Gilchrist's clerks, Miss Helen Donahoe, Peter Flood and Mr. and Mrs. James McCann and family.

McHUGH—The funeral of the late Thomas McHugh took place this morning at 9 o'clock from his late home, 18 Ames street, and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan. Those who sent offerings were Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kitchener, Mrs. E. O'Neill, Margaret McDevitt, Annie McDevitt and Elizabeth McDevitt. The bearers were Michael McDevitt, John McQuade, William McLane, Edward McSorley, Robert and John Winters. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Heffernan. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

McCORMICK—The funeral of Francis J. McCormick took place this morning at 9 o'clock from his late home, 18 Ames street, and was largely attended. A funeral high mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Tighe, O.M.I. The burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Owen McQuade, O.M.I. read the burial services. The bearers, members of the Holy Name society of the Immaculate Conception church, were Messrs. John Donovan, John Crann, William Sullivan, John O'Neill, Matthew Mann and Albert Sealey. Present at the funeral were the following representing Court Merrimack P. of A.: Messrs. James A. Ready, William Stafford, Daniel Redding and Patrick Brennan. Among the floral tributes was a large pillow inscribed "Thus

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Black Fox Scarfs.....	\$8.75 to \$39.75
Beaver Muffs.....	\$23.75 to \$35.00
Beaver Scarfs.....	\$15.00 to \$22.50
Black Hare Muffs.....	\$5.00
Black and Brown Coney Muffs	\$2.98, \$3.98
Blended Muskrat Sets.....	\$25.00
Kit Coney Sets, chin chin collars.....	\$19.75
Gray Coney Muffs.....	\$10.75
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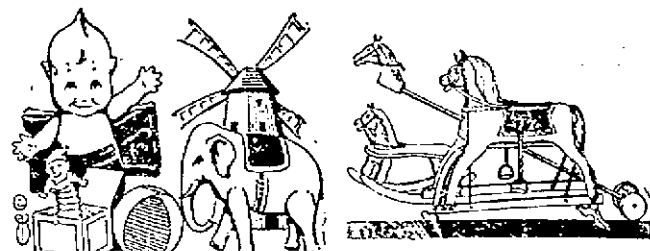
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FUNERAL NOTICES

MURKLAND—Died, Dec. 15, in this city, James Murkland, aged 74 years, 7 months and 22 days, at his home, 313 High street. Funeral services will be held at 313 High street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. Kindly omit flowers. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

McGAVEY—The funeral of the late Bridget McGavey will take place on Friday morning at 8 o'clock from the chapel of J. P. O'Donnell & Sons. A solemn high mass of requiem will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. Kindly omit flowers. The funeral arrangements are in charge of J. P. O'Donnell & Sons.

FLEMING—The funeral of the late Elizabeth J. Fleming will take place Friday morning at 8 o'clock from the chapel of J. P. O'Donnell & Sons. A solemn high mass of requiem will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of J. P. O'Donnell & Sons.

BARNES—The funeral of Ell Barnes will take place Saturday morning from his home, 22 Anderson street, at 9 o'clock. At the Sacred Heart church a funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers J. J. O'Donnell & Co. are in charge of funeral arrangements.

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T. C. Lee & Co. carried the insurance on the contents of the dwelling of Charles A. Gallagher, 85 Gershon avenue, damaged by fire Tuesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the members of St. Peter's Holy Name society will be held this evening in the parochial school hall in Gorman street. A feature of the meeting will be the election of officers.

Kenneth Bruce of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Melrose, and son of Clinton R. Bruce of this city, has been elected on the Melrose board of aldermen. The new alderman-elect was a former resident of this city.

Tony White of 156 Charles street sustained an injury to the thumb of his right hand while at work in the Hamilton mill this forenoon, when his hand was caught in the gear of a carding machine. He was removed in the ambulance to the Lowell hospital.

The first winter meeting of the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit church was held last evening in the vestry with the women as guests. A musical program was presented consisting of solos by Miss M. Spence, Harry Patton and Charles Howard, members of the choir. The accompanist was Arthur C. Spalding. A short address was given by Rev. Arthur P. Pratt, D.D., of Belknap Falls, Vt. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

The Boston & Maine railroad announces special steps by the following trains on the southern division on Christmas day: Train No. 135, leaving Lowell at 6:40 a. m. (via Lexington branch), will make all stops Lake Street to East Cambridge, inclusive. Train No. 270, leaving Lowell at 6:02 a. m. (via Lexington branch), will make all stops Lake Street to East Cambridge, inclusive.

DEATHS

LANDRY—John W. Landry died yesterday at his home, 31 Mammoth road, aged 43 years. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Mary Landry; four sisters, Mrs. R. Fontaine, Mrs. L. Bausy, Mrs. N. J. Boyle and Lillian Landry; and a brother, Walter Landry.

ST. AMAND—Isidore St. Amand died yesterday at the home of his son-in-law, Joseph Dratville, 8 Cabot street, aged 72 years. He leaves his wife, Octavie; three sons and one daughter, Horatius, Alfred and Joseph, and Mrs. Joseph Dratville of Lowell; Tancredi in Ontario, T. Joseph of Lake St. John and Trefle St. Amand of Grand Mere.

Can. Mrs. Leon Gravelle of St. Ubal, Can. Mrs. Hector Fessler of St. Elizabeth, Que., and Mrs. Joseph Pleurant of New Bedford.

LOOBY—William Looby, infant son of William and Catherine Gill Looby, died Wednesday in Somersworth, N. H., aged 10 months. The body will be brought to this city for burial by Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

LANDRY—George W. Landry, a well known resident of this city died last night at the home of his mother, Mrs. George Landry, 31 Mammoth road, after a lingering illness, borne with true Christian fortitude. Mr. Landry was 43 years of age, had been confined to his bed for the past two years and a sufferer for a number of years, and during his long illness his mother and other members of the family were untiring in their care of him. He was a member of the C.M.A.C. and is survived by his mother, Mrs. George Landry; four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Landry, Mrs. L. Fontaine, Mrs. Daisy and Mrs. M. J. Boyle; a brother, Walter Landry.

BARNES—Ell Barnes, a respected resident of this city and well known employee of the Boston & Maine R.R., died yesterday at his home, 22 Anderson street, after a brief illness, aged 43 years. He leaves besides his wife, two brothers, Levi and Joseph Barnes, three sisters, Mrs. Willard, Mrs. F. Couture and Mrs. Lefebvre. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, local 253.

MATRIMONIAL

John Gilchrist and Miss Lottie Fulton were married Tuesday at the parsonage of St. Paul's church by Rev. A. C. Skinner, the pastor. The couple were unattended. At the close of the ceremony they left on a brief honeymoon trip.

Simple—Olson

Alexander Simple and Miss Astrid Emily Olson were married last evening, the ceremony being performed at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride, 2 Puffer street, the officiating clergyman being Rev. A. C. Archibald. The bride wore white crepe de chine and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Ethel G. Olson, who was attired in pink crepe de meteor and carried pink roses. The best man was Andrew Simple. At the

STRUCK BY AUTO

Harold Mullen of 25 Tyler street, aged eight years, was knocked down by an automobile near his home about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was removed in the ambulance to St. John's hospital, suffering from a cut over one eye and minor scalp wounds. The police have not yet learned the name of the owner of the machine.

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Fresh Halibut.....12 1-2c	Pkg. Cod.....7c
Fresh Mackerel.....6c	Kipped Herring.....15c
Large Mackerel.....10c	
Solid Oysters.....35c	
Pot Roast, boned, rolled.....12 1-2c	
2 Lbs. of Good Steak.....25c	
Bacon, sliced.....15c	
Potatoes.....25c	
Smoked Shoulders.....11c	

CITY LIGHTING DISCUSSED TO IMPROVE FIRE DRILLS

Hearing Before Municipal Council—New York Man Makes Starting Statements on Cost

The hearing given the Public Service Co. of New York by the municipal council yesterday afternoon was a spirited one. It was held in the aldermanic chamber at city hall. Raymond Momand, engineer for the New York company, and P. E. Dunbar, counsel for the Lowell Gas Light company, indulged in rather hot exchanges during the course of the hearing and there was insinuation and innuendo galore. Mr. Momand contended that the street gas lighting in Lowell costs the contractor 100 per cent, while Mr. Dunbar averred that the Lowell Gas Light company was selling the city gas at a loss rather than a profit. He pointed out, too, that the rate here is lower than in any city in New England. Mr. Momand stated that his appearance in Lowell ten years ago was responsible for the reduction in the cost of street gas lighting; a reduction representing \$5.25 per gas lamp. Mr. Dunbar said that Mr. Momand was arrogating too much credit to himself, adding that that gentleman's presence in Lowell ten years ago was not responsible for the reduction in the gas light contract, but that the reduction was due to the sharp opposition and competition of the Lowell Electric Light corporation.

The hearing lasted from 3.30 until about 6 o'clock. The real business portion of the hearing had to do with the bids for street lighting. The great amount of talk indulged in did not amount to much when it came to a show down. The Public Service company of New York wants to bid on the contract for gas lights in the public streets and Mr. Momand was assured that his company would be given that opportunity. D. J. Donahue is counsel for the New York company and Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Donahue indulged in repartee that was more or less illuminating.

The contract for the street gas lighting expired in November and the lights will continue under the old contract until the new contract is made.

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Deputy Neal's Suggestions to Avoid Another Peabody Holocaust

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Incomplete fire drill instruction was responsible for the loss of the lives of 19 little girls in the fire which destroyed St. John's parochial school in Peabody, Oct. 28, according to the report of Acting Chief George C. Neal of the state police.

Improve Fire Drills

The Peabody disaster, he said, makes it clear that fire drills must be something more than the rapid and orderly dismissal of children from a school building.

The cause of the fire could not be discovered, Deputy Neal says, that while the school complied with the law so far as fire escapes are concerned, it now appears that it should have been provided with additional exits. The trouble was that in fire drills the girls were directed to leave the building a certain way and the boys another. The lines were well maintained and orderly until they got to the first door. Then, unhappily, the regular line of march of the girls led directly into the fire. He urged instead of regular paths of exit that the direction of the school lines be guided by the location of the fire.

Deputy Neal's Suggestions

Deputy Neal offered the following 16 suggestions for precautionary measures against a repetition of such fires as that at Peabody:

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citizens can get gas at a lower rate I think we ought to give it to them."

"That's true," said Mr. Dunbar, "and it should be done if it can be done."

"Well, go through the business motions, then," continued Mr. Momand.

"Talking with never it. There are over 400 lamp posts to be installed and they will cost \$10 apiece. They must be installed, and that can't be done until the frost is out of the ground. We would have to wait until they are made."

"Why," said Mr. Dunbar, "there are thousands of posts in the warehouses of the country. Why don't you buy them?"

"This is one of the few cities which does not own all its own lamp posts," said Mr. Momand. "We can put in the posts, and have them paid for by the city, and light lamps—all at a lower figure per lamp than the city now pays for the lighting."

"We will supply the gas," said Mr. Dunbar, "and the city may take the risk in having the city lighted—but we don't wish to take it."

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"That's a minor point," said Mr. Momand. "We would pay the current prices."

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"I got the impression," said the mayor, "that your company is lighting the city of Washington at \$15 a lamp."

"No; that is the price, but the Washington City Gas Co. is doing the lighting and that is a subsidiary of the United Independent Gas company. Where the city furnishes the posts the price is \$16.75 per post," said Mr. Momand.

"How is that, Mr. Dunbar?" asked the mayor.

"Well, conditions in Washington are probably very different, as for instance, the cost of coal," said Mr. Dunbar. "How many lamps are there in Washington?"

"About 10,000," said Mr. Momand.

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4—All stairways should be inclosed on each floor with non-combustible material, or wood covered with metal, with self-closing standard fire doors, which should not be fastened back during school sessions.

5—All wood partitions in corridors should be covered with metal sheeting and doors on the line of march to the exit should be of metal or wood covered with metal.

6—All wood partitions in basements should be covered with metal sheeting.

7—Fire doors in basements should be inclosed in fireproof partitions with metal or self-closing standard fire doors opening into the corridor or basement and to the outside air.

8—Gongs with arrangements for signals, announcing the locality of a fire should be installed on every floor.

9—There should be a connection with the public fire alarm station.

10—An automobile fire alarm should be installed in the basement of each school building.

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SUDDEN DEATH NO FAST TRAINS

Mrs. Camille Desmarais
Victim of Heart Dis-
ease—Died at Home

The many friends of Mrs. Camille Desmarais of 90 Lilley avenue, will be grieved to learn of her death, which occurred suddenly late yesterday afternoon, death being due to heart disease.

Mrs. Desmarais seemed to be enjoying the best of health yesterday. In the afternoon she went out and returning shortly before 5 o'clock, she sat down and complained of being tired. A family physician was summoned to her home, but when he arrived he found that the woman had passed away.

Medical Examiner Meigs later viewed the body and signed the death certificate "heart disease," which has been critically ill for the past few months, and whose recovery is doubtful. She also leaves two daughters, Mrs. S. McIlilly and Mrs. Homer Eno, as well as a son, Auguste. Mrs. Desmarais was a member of several societies of St. Louis parish and had always been very active in church work. The news of her death will be a keen shock to her many friends and acquaintances.

PASTOR QUILTS PEACE PARTY

New Bedford Minister Writes He Believes in Preparedness, and a Larger Army and Navy

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 15.—Rev. William B. Geoghegan, pastor of the Unitarian church in this city, has resigned from the New Bedford Peace society and requested that his name be dropped from the list of officers.

His letter to Miss Helen H. Seabury, secretary of the society, states: "I am a lover of peace and I believe that society is moving steadily toward a state of assured tranquility, but I do not find myself in accord with the spirit of the New Bedford Peace society. I thoroughly believe in 'preparedness' and feel it to be my duty to do all I can to forward the movement in favor of a larger army and strong navy. The misleading statements the advocates of peace have made in our city are in my judgment much to be regretted. Therefore I beg that you will drop my name from the list of members of the society."

Dr. George W. Nasmyth of Cambridge spoke at the annual meeting of the society this week. Mr. Geoghegan says his action in sending his resignation was prompted by speakers who have recently appeared here under the auspices of the local society.

Expresses Not Yet Running From New York to Boston

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Bay State, Knickerbocker and Merchants' Limited will not be run between New York and Boston today by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, it was announced by Edward G. Riggs, executive assistant.

Mr. Riggs said that telegraph and signal wires damaged by the storm early in the week had not yet been completely repaired, and while it is safe to operate local or slow trains under the circumstances it would be far from safe to undertake the operation of fast express trains, until all necessary repairs have been made.

The New York Central announced that adverse conditions caused by the storm have been materially improved and all trains are leaving here on scheduled time. Arrivals are in most cases on time and freight is again being moved over the lines between here and Albany where the conditions were the worst.

LOYAL ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of Greenhaile council 106, Loyal association, was held at their rooms, Highland hall, Tuesday evening.

The following officers were elected for the next term: Councilor, Ira M. Boothby; vice councilor, Edward I. White; past councilor, Arthur D. Gilbert; treasurer, George B. King; recorder, P. X. A. Hurtubise; chaplain, Leon W. Sidebottom; orator, Edward P. Stanley; marshal, George O. P. French.

The initiation degree work was performed by Representative to the supreme council, John S. Chandler, of Boston. Other initiations will be held in January and February.

After the business of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, including lunch and games, etc.

REPUBLICANS BLAME TARIFF

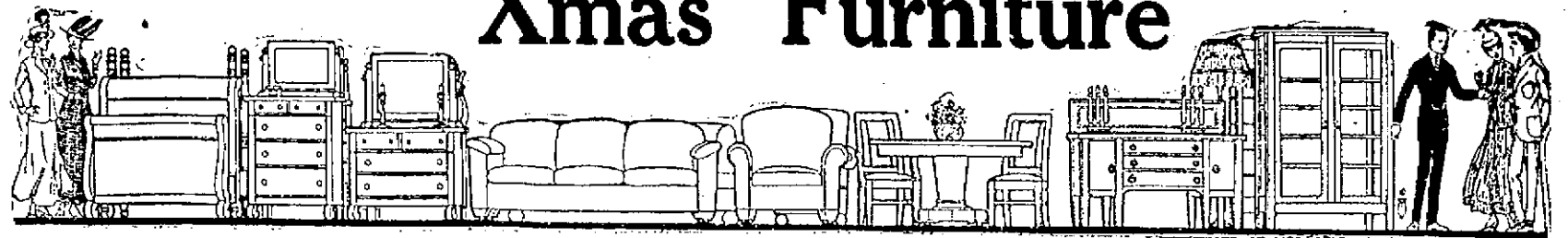
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Republicans on the house ways and means committee in a minority report today deny that the emergency revenue law is necessary because of war conditions, and assert, instead, that the treasury deficit is due mainly to tariff reductions under the Underwood law.

BIG CONTRACT WITH BRITISH

SEABURY, Pa., Dec. 15.—The Briggs-Seabury Ordnance Co., it was announced today, has closed a contract with the British government for 10,000 aeroplane guns and another contract has been closed for 500 cannon and a large number of 6-inch high explosive shells.

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Xmas Furniture



Useful and Practical Christmas Gifts

In keeping with the true fireside spirit of Christmas—you are cordially invited to inspect our extensive stock of House Furnishings and novelties—which are always welcome as a useful and practical Christmas Gift.

TEA WAGONS.....	\$12.50 to \$12.75	DESK CHAIRS.....	\$3.50 to \$4.50	CELLARETTES.....	\$7.50 to \$22.00
ROYAL PUSH BUTTON CHAIRS.....	\$15.00 to \$30.00	PEDESTALS.....	\$2.00 to \$7.00	SMALL TABLES.....	\$4.50 to \$6.00
SOLID MAHOGANY SERVING TABLES.....	\$10.25 to \$17.00	SMOKING STANDS.....	\$1.50 to \$7.75	TEA TRAYS.....	39c to \$6.50
WINDSOR CHAIRS, Solid Mahogany.....	\$6.75 to \$8.00	TABLE BOOK RACKS.....	\$1.25 to \$3.00	WICKER LAMP SHADES.....	\$2.50 to \$3.00
MORRIS CHAIRS.....	\$8.00 to \$14.00	MAGAZINE RACKS.....	\$2.50 to \$4.50	CLOTH SHADES.....	\$3.00
LADIES' DESKS.....	\$10.00 to \$20.00	MUFFIN STANDS.....	\$3.50 to \$7.50	WICKER CHAIRS.....	\$5.50 to \$29.00
LADIES' DESK TABLES.....	\$12.50 to \$15.00	TABOURETTES.....	\$2.25 to \$4.00	GOLD LEAF CHAIRS.....	\$8.50 to \$13.00
COLONIAL CHAIRS, Reproduction.....	\$8.75 to \$12.75	FOOT RESTS.....	59c to \$7.50	WICKER FIREPLACE BASKETS.....	\$2.00 to \$3.00

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FANCY LAKE
Pickerel Lb. 12c

FRESH CAUGHT—FALL
SALMON Whole or Half, Lb. 10c

POSITIVELY FRESH CAUGHT
HADDOCK POUND 4c

EXTRA FANCY SMALL TINKER
Mackerel 3 for 10c

FANCY STEAK HALIBUT, Lb. 12c

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LOBSTER—Can 25c

TO HELP FINANCE WAR CAPT. CONDON DEAD

LONDON PAPER SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MR. McKENNA'S PLAN

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The question of whether brokers would be paid a commission for the sale of American securities under the plan of Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer for the mobilization of such securities, has taken the treasury authorities rather by surprise, the point not having been considered beforehand at all, according to the financial column of the Times. Its importance, however, is fully recognized now that it has been brought to notice, and it is stated that some arrangement will be made to meet the case.

The finance expert of the Morning Post suggests that the government might take advantage of Mr. McKenna's plan, to help finance the war. The writer proposes that the five per cent. exchequer bonds needed to acquire the American securities might be created by an issue to the public, with the intimation that subscribers could pay for them either in cash or approved American or Canadian securities. In this way, he says, the issue would serve the double purpose of obtaining securities and cash for war purposes, which would save off the necessity of issuing a fresh war loan that would probably have to be issued on a 5 per cent. basis, giving holders of the previous 4 1/2 per cent. loan the right of conversion into the new loan. The holders of the previous war loans would have no right of conversion in case the issue were in short-term exchequer bonds.

FREIGHT IS TIED UP

THOUSANDS OF CARS CLOGGED TRACKS OF 17 RAILROADS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Thousands of freight cars loaded with all kind of merchandise today clogged the tracks of 17 railroads entering Chicago pending settlement of the strike of 500 switchmen, firemen and engineers on the Rock Island of Chicago.

G. W. W. Hanger of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, continued his conferences with the strikers and railway officials in an effort to adjust the controversy.

The men demand that special trains be run to carry them to and from work.

FOR AND AGAINST SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Woman suffragists and anti-suffragists were heard today by congressional committees.

A delegation from the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage urged passage of the Susan B. Anthony federal suffrage amendment before the senate suffrage committee and later before the house judiciary committee as did the National Woman Suffrage association in session here. The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage also appeared before the house committee.

Nomination of officers was the principal business on today's program of the suffrage convention. Interest centered in the selection of a successor to Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the retiring president.

WARNING TO ITALY

MILAN, Dec. 15, via Paris.—The Secolo asserts the British government has warned Italy that German emissaries have left the United States ports with the purpose of committing acts of violence in Italy, particularly against merchant shipping. In this connection the Secolo calls attention to recent fires on a steamship at Naples and on the docks at Genoa.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND IRISH PATRIOT PASSED AWAY—WAS SENTENCED WITH MARTYRS

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Capt. Edward O'Meara, Civil War veteran and Irish patriot, died at his home here yesterday.

He became active in the Fenian movement in Ireland and with Allen Larkin and O'Brien, was sentenced to death for participation in the Manchester riots. Condon's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment because of his American citizenship and Civil War record.

Capt. Condon was a native of Cork, and with his parents came to this country when an infant. He rose to the rank of captain in the Civil war, at the close of which he returned to Ireland. In Manchester in 1867 he helped organize the Fenian convention and was a member of a party that attempted to rescue comrades from the police.

After serving 11 years in prison, Condon was released upon representations from the United States congress. He then returned to America and was active in promoting the welfare of his countrymen.

NEW PRIVATE SECRETARY

MAYOR-ELECT O'DONNELL APPOINTS MR. JAMES HEARN, OF THE SUN STAFF

Mayor-elect O'Donnell last evening announced the appointment of Mr. Jas. Hearn to be his private secretary at city hall. Mr. Hearn served in that capacity during the former administration of the mayor. Afterward he returned to the editorial staff of the Sun with which he has been connected for the past 20 years.

NOT WITH ATLANTIC FLEET

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 15.—Naval authorities here announced today that the battleships Vermont, New Hampshire, Kansas, Connecticut and Minnesota will not participate in the annual maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet off Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from January 6 to April 15. The first two ships named, it was said, would be laid up for lack of men. The reason why the other vessels would not be with the fleet was not stated.

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WORLD'S RECORD

Stock of Gold Held by Bank of France \$1,000,000,000

PARIS, Dec. 15.—According to the Matin the stock of gold held by the Bank of France yesterday reached a total of 5,000,000,000 francs, (\$1,000,000,000) a world's record.

The appeal to the public to turn in its gold brought in 1,300,000,000 francs in 21 weeks. Last week alone more than 60,000,000 francs in gold was exchanged for notes.

TO END BIG STRIKE

15,000 CHICAGO GARMENT WORKERS SOON TO RETURN TO WORK

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The strike of 15,000 garment workers which, for nearly three months has practically tied up the clothing manufacturing business of Chicago, will be settled within ten days, Sidney Hillman, president of the Garment Workers' union, announced today.

According to Hillman the strikers practically have won what they demanded with the exception of recognition of the union. Some of the manufacturers declare they have made no concessions.

BOY SKATER DROWNED

Roderick McComisky, 12, of Gloucester Slides Into Open Space of Water—His Body Recovered

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 15.—The first skating accident of the season occurred here at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, when Roderick McComisky, 12 years old, of Eastern avenue, lost his life. With his brother Cecil, 17 years old, he was skating on the pond and slid into an open spot of water. His brother secured a plank and worked to the edge of the open space, but Cecil had sunk.

Patrolman Edmund Cronin was sent to the scene with a pump. Deputy Fish and Game Commissioner Carl E. Grant secured a light punt and with a gaff brought the body to the surface. Life was extinct. Medical Examiner Finnegan viewed the body.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

CLAIM HORSE OVERRIDDEN TO DESTROY BRIDGES

NASHUA POLICE ARREST MEN IN CHARGE OF LOWELL SALVATION ARMY TEAM FOR CRUELTY

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 15.—George Shaw of Lowell and John Moran of Providence were arrested yesterday by Inspector Walter E. Dean at Nashua union station on charge of cruelty to animals and released on bail.

They had been coming from Lowell every week with a wagon belonging to the Salvation Army to collect second-hand articles.

They arrived Tuesday, left their rig over night, and when they came back for it yesterday were arrested. The complaint was brought by Mrs. George H. Kendall, president of the New Hampshire Woman's Humane society and alleges that the horse was overdriven.

City Marshal Daniel F. Healy had previously written to the Salvation Army in Lowell a letter of warning.

AMERICAN SHIP SANK

CAPTAIN LOUGHIRANE AND CREW OF LUCY NEFF ARRIVED AT NEW YORK TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Capt. Loughirane and the crew of 18 of the American steamer Lucy Neff, which foundered early yesterday 20 miles east of Fenwick island, off the Delaware coast, arrived here today on the British steamer Cheshill. The Lucy Neff sailed from Palmouth, Jamaica, Dec. 6, with a full cargo of logwood for American dye makers.

After encountering high seas and terrible gales for several days, the Lucy Neff sprung several leaks on the night of Dec. 11. The crew remained on board until the Cheshill came to their assistance. Ten minutes after the last man had left the Lucy Neff, she sank.

The freighter was of 845 tons gross and was owned by C. L. Dimon of New York.

EX-SEN. HALE IS ILL

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS—LITTLE HOPE HELD OUT FOR HIS RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Former Senator Hale of Maine is seriously ill of paralysis at his home here. Owing to his advanced age, 79 years, little hope is held out for his recovery, it was said.

Mr. Hale suffered a paralytic stroke a year ago and has since been confined to his home. Only intimate friends have been permitted to see him.

Mr. Hale retired from the senate in 1911 after having for 30 years been a dominant figure in that body.

FOR U. S. SENATOR

John Burke Will Be Candidate to Succeed Sen. McComber of North Dakota

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 15.—John Burke, treasurer of the United States, will be a candidate for United States senator from North Dakota to succeed Porter J. McComber, republican. It was announced here today, following the meeting yesterday of the democratic state central committee. Burke served three terms as governor of North Dakota.

The committee endorsed President Wilson for re-nomination and will circulate petitions to place his name on the presidential primary ballot.

AFFIDAVIT OF VON KOOLBERGER IS IN POSSESSION OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The affidavit of Johannes Henricus von Koolberger, portions of which were published Tuesday in despatches from Providence, R. I., in which he stated that he was employed by Franz Bopp, German consul general in this city, and Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attaché of the consulate general, to destroy bridges and tunnels in Canada, is, it was announced today, in the possession of the federal authorities here. They regard it as of the greatest importance in connection with the prosecution of von Brincken, C. C. Crowley, a detective in Bopp's employ, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, an agent in the employ of Crowley.

U. S. "UNFIT TO MEDIATE"

Dr. Shaw Says Nation Should Grant Women Justice of the Ballot Before Settling Wars

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—An arraignment of the United States as unfit to mediate between the warring nations of Europe because it denies justice to its own women marked the farewell speech yesterday of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, retiring president, before the annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association.

The association amended its by-laws to make Dr. Shaw honorary president for life. She had been president 12 years.

A petition said to have been signed by a majority of the delegates was presented today to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York, asking her to accept the presidency. She said she would accept if the Empire State campaign committee, of which she is chairman, consented. Officers will be nominated tomorrow and elected Friday.

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RAIDS ON LONDON FAILED AT THE LOWELL GUILD

QUESTION IN COMMONS AS TO RE-
CENT AIR ATTACKS—WAR OF-
FICE TO TAKE CHARGE

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The public anxiety as to the defenses of London against air raids again became evident at the opening of the house of commons session yesterday, the admiralty's representative was bombarded by a series of questions, a part of them concerning the present position of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, former commander of the aerial defense of London.

The opening question was, "Can the admiralty, with a view of assuring public opinion, state whether the provisions for the anti-aircraft defense of London and the eastern counties have been proved to be satisfactory?" Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, replied that he could add nothing to the statements already made. In answer to a question regarding the status of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, Mr. McNamara said he was still in charge of the gunnery defenses of London, but that the transfer of the guns to the war office was expected shortly and Sir Percy's continuance in that work would then be a question for examination.

Replying to another question, Mr. McNamara said he could not make a further statement regarding impending changes in the personnel of the anti-aircraft service. He also declined to answer a question as to whether there had been seven or eight abortive Zeppelin raids since Oct. 13.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary of war, announced in the house of commons Monday that the anti-aircraft corps in London was in sole control of the war office and that Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott no longer was in charge of it. Mr. Tennant said that the defense of London from aerial attacks had been under the direct responsibility of the admiralty and the war office, and that this fact had been the basis of many criticisms.

MONTHLY MEETING REPORT SHOWS
A GREAT GAIN OVER LAST
MEMBER

The monthly council meeting of the Lowell Guild was held on Monday at the Guild house, the president, Mrs. James G. Hill, presiding.

The business of the month was gone over and the report read, which showed a steady increase of the work of the guild. One thousand and thirty-four visits were made by the district nurses during the month of November, this number including the visits made to the policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and shows a gain of 418 visits over November of last year. The milk station work also showed an encouraging increase, 89 babies attending the weekly conferences, while 187 calls were made by the milk station nurse on the babies in the house and seven mothers were taught to prepare their babies' food. The guild has co-operated with the following organizations during the past month: Board of health, board of charities, Lowell Social Service league, St. John's hospital, private hospital and received patients from the Lowell General hospital.

The following list of clothing has been given out: Six sheets, three baby outfits, one box of children's clothing, one box of woman's clothing. The guild is following its usual custom of sending out Christmas dinners to deserving families, and any contributions in the way of food or funds would be most gratefully received.

325 FILE OUT IN ORDER

PUPILS MARCH FROM BURNING
SCHOOL—MYSTERIOUS BLAZE IN
BASEMENT OF BUILDING

SPRINGVALE, Me., Dec. 16.—Through the coolness of Miss Ada I. Hackett, a teacher of grade 5, the efficiency of school fire drill was exemplified at the New Hamlin school building yesterday forenoon when 325 children and eight teachers left the building in perfect order, the last escaping only a few seconds before the entire building was filled with smoke from a fire of mysterious origin which started in the boiler room.

At 11:20 smoke was seen rising through a register in Miss Hackett's room. A boy was dispatched to the boiler room directly underneath to investigate and upon his reporting that the basement was on fire Miss Hackett rang the electric fire drill signal by pushing the school fire drill signal in the hall. The occupants of eight rooms responded in such perfect order that none of the scholars outside of the fifth grade realized that the building was on fire until they were outside.

The fire department responding to an alarm from box 72 had a stubborn fight for half an hour and confined the fire to the boiler room and fifth grade room flooring. The damage is about \$1000, fully insured.

The fire started in a pile of wood near the coal bins.

DUMDUMS MADE IN U. S.

CHARGES THAT BRIDGEPORT FAC-
TORY ACCEPTED CONTRACT WITH
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Charges that a Bridgeport, Conn. factory accepted a contract with the British government to supply the British army with dum dum bullets were made yesterday in an affidavit filed with Assistant United States Attorney Knox by Dr. Herbert Klenzle.

Dr. Klenzle is one of the six men indicted with Robert Fay as charged of conspiring to blow up ships carrying munitions to the allies. His affidavit is in support of a motion for a separate trial and the appointment of a commission to take evidence in his behalf in Germany. A similar motion was made for Engelbert Bronkhorst, another of the indicted men.

Dr. Klenzle says he submitted proofs to the United States government of the alleged traffic in dum dum bullets and that that was his only connection in any way with German propaganda in this country. With his affidavit yesterday he submitted photographs of German soldiers alleged to have been wounded by dum dum bullets made in the United States.

Both Dr. Klenzle and Bronkhorst deny ever having had any dealings with Fay. The latter implicated both in his confession. The motions will be heard by United States Judge Julius Mayer on Monday.

CONSIDER WAR PROBLEMS
WORCESTER, Dec. 16.—A three days' conference to consider "the problems and lessons of the war" was opened at Clark university today. Various aspects of the war, with particular reference to the conditions which will prevail after it is ended, will be discussed by college professors, authors, lawyers, bankers, publicists and others.

At the first session President C. Stanley Hall of Clark university presided. Among the speakers were Prof. George H. Blakeslee of Clark university, Dr. Norton Prince of Boston and Prof. Edward Krehbiel of Leland Stanford university.

C.M.A.C. FESTIVAL

The young men and young women, who were responsible for the success of the recent festival for the benefit of the C.M.A.C., were rendered a reception at the association rooms last evening, and the attendance numbered about 150.

The program of the evening included pool and billiard games, cards and other amusements in the large playroom on the first floor, while several members of the fair sex spent a few hours in the gymnasium. A varied entertainment program was given in the large assembly hall and a buffet luncheon was served. The committee in charge of the event consisted of Tancred L. Blanchette, chairman; Arthur H. Giroux and Charles E. Bourque.

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MAINE'S CASH BALANCE

STATE TREASURY HAS \$1,065,551.04
ON HAND—LARGEST AMOUNT
SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 16.—State Treas. Elmer E. Newbert announced last night that the cash balance on hand is \$1,065,551.04, the largest balance in the history of the state, with the exception of the year 1854, when a large bond issue was sold and there was a big treasury war loan.

STRICTER PASSPORTS

President Orders Duplicate Applications and Three Copies of Applicant's Photographs Filed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Passport regulations more stringent than those effective at present will be enforced by the state department under an executive order issued by President Wilson and made public yesterday.

Duplicate applications and three copies of the applicant's photograph, instead of a single application and two photographs, will be required. Applicants must state the dates they expect to sail, ports of departure and names of steamers they will take, and must file their applications with the department at least five days prior to sailing.

CLAIMS ELECTION ILLEGAL

Councillor Foley, Defeated in Attleboro, Says Polls Did Not Close at Same Time

ATTLEBORO, Dec. 16.—Councillor Stephen H. Foley declared yesterday that Tuesday's election was illegal.

He claims that in ward 4 and ward 5 the polls were closed about 4 o'clock and in ward 2 at 4:30. He also declares that the polls in some of the wards opened 20 minutes late in the morning, owing to some official confusion. He secured an official copy of the records of the municipal council, which say that the polls should close at 4:00. On the other hand, the official call, published in a local paper, says the polls were to open at 6 and close at 4.

Councillor Foley was the only member of last year's council to be defeated at yesterday's election.

Herbert MacKinnon, who lost in the councillor race Tuesday by a few votes, has asked for a recount. He was backed up by Howard G. Smith, according to the returns announced. Mr. MacKinnon points out that the names of "Saart," "Smith" and "Sweet" all began with "S," all had five letters and were together on the ballot, and he says he has reason to believe that the election officers called off wrong crosses in enough instances to assure his election.

GOV. WALSH RETURNS

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—More than four hours late, Gov. Walsh arrived from New York at 6:45 last evening, having been on the train since 3:20 a. m. The governor had planned to attend the executive council meeting yesterday afternoon, but the delay, due to the crippled condition of the New Haven's service between New York and New Haven, rendered this impossible. Last evening he attended an informal dinner which Lieut. Gov. Cushing gave at his home in Chestnut street to the executive and his council.

FRANK RICARD'S OPENING

Frank Ricard, best known as the up-town jeweler, will observe an opening of his newly enlarged store, 636-638 Merrimack street, tomorrow and Saturday. Having sold out his shoe business, Mr. Ricard decided to use the entire floor space which was formerly for both his shoe and jewelry store; hence his jewelry store now occupies 3265 square feet of floor space, allowing a department for each line of goods where they can be well displayed. In order to induce those to come to his store on the next two days, who might otherwise hesitate, because it might be a little out of their way, Mr. Ricard is making a special reduction on all his Christmas goods, which no doubt many wise shoppers will take advantage of. These goods will be offered at these reduced prices during the next two days, which are the two days of the opening.

PROCLAMATIONS BARRED

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. sends the following:

"Hugo Haase, leader of the 41 socialists forming the peace party in the German Reichstag, has issued a proclamation which the newspapers are prohibited from printing. It is much discussed in political circles as signifying a political battle."

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

HELD FARMERS' INSTITUTE

DR. GEORGE M. TWITCHELL OF
MAINE THE SPEAKER—PROBLEM
OF LACK OF POTASH

A largely attended farmers' institute was held at Westford yesterday under the auspices of the Middlesex North Agricultural society. The speaker of the day was Dr. George M. Twitchell of Maine. Howard M. Foster of Tewksbury presided over the gathering.

The visiting doctor spoke on the "Problem of the Lack of Potash," and his remarks were both interesting and instructive. His remarks were in part as follows:

"I used to talk to farmers from theory and observation. Since I began to till the land myself, I am free to say that I know much less than I did before. As I study the great mysteries of the soil I feel very humble. Last year presented very serious problems to our farmers. We had 14 rainy days in July and 29 cloudy days in August. The losses were due to causes over which farmers had no control. But I have yet to hear a man complain. Had any other industry sustained such losses, legislators would have been called together to provide state aid."

"Without science, our fathers and grandfathers built up the soil of their farms by the use of stable manure, and they got big crops. The coming of the commercial fertilizer marks the passing of live stock from many of our farms. Specialized farming has come in, resulting in an increased yield per acre, but we have yet to learn that the scientific feeding of a crop does not necessarily build up the soil, which in many of our towns is beginning to lose its productive power. This is inevitable where we abandon the use of stable manure and humus. The soil must have built. It cannot sustain on chemicals alone. The humus content may vary from 5 to 20 per cent, and this is important, for humus benefits the soil chemically with nitrogen, phosphorus and lime, physically with heat and moisture, and biologically by permitting a better plant growth."

"Feeding organic matter is necessary to a good soil. I am not here to argue against commercial fertilizers, but we are placing too much reliance upon them. We can overcome this in part by plowing in green crops; but are many of us really doing this? It is well nigh impossible to create interest in farm life unless it centres about some live stock. Diversified farming, best will be followed by the majority. Persistence alone will settle the questions of a man's soil. All the new creed of efficiency that applies to business in the city should apply as fully to the business of the farm. How many of us know our own soil, its variations and limitations? Until we have this knowledge we cannot reach the maximum of production."

Dinner was served at noon, and in the afternoon Rev. L. H. Buckshorn spoke on "The School and Farm," and later Dr. Twitchell spoke on "The Man With a Vision."

FIRE DRILL BY MISTAKE

Plumber Sounds Wrong Bell in Belfast, Me. School, but Building Is Quickly Emptied

BELFAST, Me., Dec. 15.—An unexpected but very satisfactory test of the fire drill in the grammar school building was made yesterday morning.

A plumber sent to the building to make repairs pressed what he supposed was the principal's call bell, but it happened to be the fire alarm. He was much surprised to see all the doors fly open and the children and teachers come pouring out of the rooms and down the fire escapes.

The teachers supposed a fire was in progress, but only directed the clearing of the building, which was done with order and despatch.

FIRE OF COOLIDGE STREET

The alarm from box 415 about 7 o'clock last evening was for a fire in a tenement block at 23 Coolidge street owned by George Huxson. The fire was first discovered by Patrolman Lenay, who telephoned to the Central fire station. The blaze started on the ground floor and worked its way into the partitions causing considerable damage. There was a fire in the same property yesterday afternoon.

JAPAN'S NOTE TO CHINA

TOKYO, Dec. 15.—Italy's ratification having arrived, Japan has forwarded to China the note from the entente powers relative to re-establishment of the Chinese monarchy. The note is of a soothing nature, but emphasizes the necessity of the maintenance of peace in China and the determination of the entente nations to protect their rights in the case of outbreaks.

WAR VETERAN MURDERED

GREAT BARRINGTON, Dec. 15.—Lafayette Battelle, 50, a Civil war veteran, who lived alone in a small farmhouse on the road to Monterey, was found dead in his bed yesterday, a victim of murder. He had been bound and gagged

and tied to the bed and a wound at the back of the head indicated that he had been clubbed.

Robbery is believed to have been the motive. Mr. Battelle received a pension payment amounting to \$90 last week, and also drew \$10 from a bank. This

money is missing, together with everything else of value that his little home contained.

The medical examiner said that he had been dead three or four days.

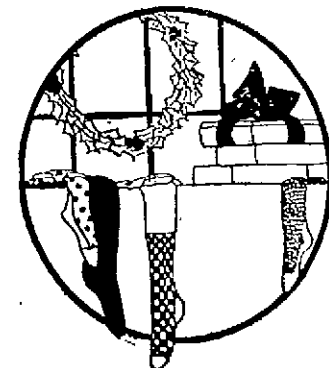
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Ladies' White Silk Hose, fancy clocking, for \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00 a Pair

Ladies' Navy and Bronze Silk Hose, clocked, \$1.00 and \$1.50 a Pair

Ladies' Checked and Plaid Silk Hose, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a Pair

Ladies' Plain Black Silk Hose, all silk or with hile knee, McCallum and Phoenix make, \$1

Ladies' Heavy Black Silk Hose, double soles, for \$1.25

Ladies' Extra Fine Black Silk Hose.....\$1.50

Ladies' Colored Silk Hose, navy, bronze, gray, silver, pink, yellow, sky, fawn, old rose, Nile, etc.....\$1.00 a Pair

Ladies' Heavy Accordion Silk Hose, two toned, for \$3.00

Children's Plain Silk Hose, fashioned, in black and white.....\$1.00

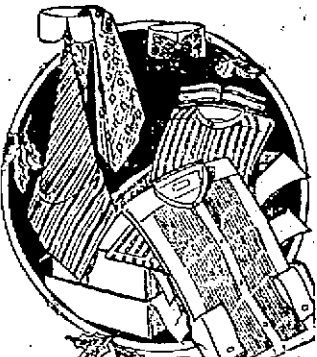
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Hosiery, plain and fancy shades, in silk fibre, silk hile and cotton.....15c to \$2.00 Per Pair

Suspenders, put up in single boxes, also combination sets of garters, arm bands and suspenders, all new patterns.....25c to \$1.00

Gloves and Mittens for men and boys, for street, dress, auto and work, all styles of leathers and make-up, lined with silk and wool, and fur; largest assortment and prices right.....25c to \$5.00

Shirts, made from the latest fabrics, new patterns, made up in the popular styles, coat style, laundered or soft cuffs, 50c to \$3.00 Each

Bath and Lounging Robes, the largest and best assortment we have ever shown, made up in new models of the latest design.....\$2.98 to \$10.00 Each

House Jackets, large assortment, made in the latest style, 3 pockets, 2 silk frogs, silk cord trimmed, only one price in this line, the best coat we can find at this price.....\$5.00

Sweaters for men and boys, made up in all weights and styles, V neck and collar, all popular colors.....\$1.00 to \$7.50

Pajamas made from flannel, madras and silk finished fabrics.....\$1.00 to \$3.00

Night Shirts, flannel and cotton, made with or without collar, plain and trimmed, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Men's Underwear, shirts and drawers and union suits, wool, merino, worsted and cotton, medium and heavy weight, 50c to \$5.00 a Garment

EAST SECTION

LEFT AISLE

Rugs and Art Squares for Useful Xmas Gifts

ENGLISH MOHAIR RUGS—RED, GREEN AND BROWN

Size 18x36 in.\$2.00 | Size 24x48 in.\$3.98 | Size 30x60 in.\$6.50

Worth \$3.00 | Worth \$5.00 | Worth \$9.00

Absolutely Fast Colors and Very Handsome

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In All the Latest Oriental and Floral Colors

18x36 in., Perfect, \$1.25 | 22½x36 in., Perfect, \$1.39 | 27x63 in., Perfect, \$2.29 | 36x72 in., Perfect, \$3.98

NEW ART SQUARES—Special Values

Best Quality Axminster, Brussels, Velvets, Tapestry, Saxony, Lyons Persian and Wiltons, 4½x6½ ft., 6x9 ft., 6½x9 ft., 8½x10½ ft., 9x12 ft. and 9x12 ft.

Tapestry Squares, perfect.....\$6.98 to \$17.50

Axminster Squares, perfect.....\$7.98 to \$29.98

Brussels Squares, perfect.....\$15.00 to \$29.98

Velvet Squares, perfect.....\$9.98 to \$25.00

Wilton Squares, perfect.....\$12.98 to \$45.00

Persian Lyons Squares, perfect, 9x12 ft.\$50.00

EAST SECTION

SECOND FLOOR

TWO SPECIAL VALUES

IN THE READY-FOR-WEAR SECTION OF OUR UNDERPRICE BASEMENT—THESE SHIRT WAISTS ARE VERY CHEAP

AT 95c EACH—Ladies' Shirt Waists, white and colored, made of very fine lawn, batiste, lingerie, silk, nicely trimmed, made in all the latest models. Each waist put in a nice, neat holly box, at.....95c Each

AT \$1.98 EACH—Ladies' Shirt Waists, made of fine quality crepe de chine, in white, flesh, maize, also taffeta, and pussy willow taffeta, in all the latest shades and colors, large variety of new models, each waist put in a very neat holly box, at.....\$1.98

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A REAL PRESENT



Twelve Bladed Outfit.....\$1.00

Combination Ever-Ready Sets, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00

Everything for the Shaver.

HOWARD, The Druggist, 197 Central St.

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TOYS

PANAMA SANDY DRIVERS, PHONOGRAPH and one record \$1, NAVAL WAR

Big Assortment of Latest Games.

BARTLETT & DOW, 216 CENTRAL ST.

FROZEN IN ICE ARTICLES SIGNED

Body of Man Whose House Was Robbed Found—Hole in Neck

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 15.—The body of Charles D. Burr, 50 years old, whose house on the shore of Box pond was robbed last night, was found frozen in the ice today. There were bruises on the head and a hole in the neck which the police believed to have been made by a bullet. Medical Examiner N. P. Quinn of Bellingham arranged to hold an autopsy tonight.

A party of fishermen on their way to the pond last night found the house open, the furniture thrown about and the trunk in which Burr was believed to have kept his money, broken open. Today the Bellingham and Millport police kept the body in the ice several yards from the shore.

ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS

66 PER CENT TAKEN FOR INVESTMENT, ACCORDING TO J. P. MORGAN CO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Sixty per cent of \$200,000,000 of the Anglo-French bonds handled by the American syndicate have been taken for investment, according to announcement made this afternoon by J. P. Morgan & Co. leaving \$200,000,000 in the hands of the underwriters.

AWAIT NEXT TEUTON MOVE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—With official denials both from French and Greek sources of the reports that the Bulgarians had entered Greek territory, the entente capitals await with keen interest the next move of the central powers in the Macedonian theatre of war.

The question asked on all sides is "what will the Bulgarians do now that they have realized, whether temporarily or permanently, remains to be seen, the greater part of their national aspirations in Macedonia?"

Military observers here say it is recognized that without Bulgarian co-operation the Austro-Germans at present are not in sufficient strength to attack the Anglo-French forces in Greek territory. The report of the presence of large German forces in the ranks of the Bulgarians is considered in London to be exaggerated. On the contrary, according to the best available information, only small German detachments are included, and these consist chiefly of artillerymen.

AUGUSTE GERMAIN DEAD

PARIS, Dec. 15, 6:35 p. m. (Delayed).—Auguste Germain, dramatic author, is dead. He was born in 1852.

ALLEGED SPY ARRESTED

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 15.—J. H. von Koolbergen, mentioned in the revelations in San Francisco as an alleged spy, was arrested while with the first Canadian contingent and returned to Calgary, Alberta, where he had enlisted, on a charge of forgery. He was now in the western jail serving a sentence of 12 months.

CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS

If you are constipated it is your own fault. It is caused by carelessness and can be corrected by cultivating careful habits.

Diet is of the first importance, then exercise and the use of a laxative until healthful habits are established. Harsh purgatives are harmful and make matters worse but Pinkettes, the little pink granules prepared by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., give nature the gentle assistance required and they really do correct constipation. If the laxative you are using is unsatisfactory try Pinkettes.

Write for free sample or get a full-size, 25-cent bottle of Pinkettes from your own druggist. A booklet on "Constipation, Its Causes and Treatment" will be mailed free on request.

Jess Willard and Fred Fulten to Box on the Fourth of March

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Articles of agreement binding Jess Willard, the world's heavyweight champion pugilist, to a match March 4 at New Orleans with Fred Fulten of Rochester, Minn., for the world's championship, were signed here today.

Under the articles of agreement Willard is to receive \$32,000, win, lose or draw, and Fulten is to get \$16,000 with a provision that in lieu of the lump sum he can elect to take 15 per cent of the moving picture rights.

The agreement makes the fight a 20-round championship contest to be held before the New West Side Athletic club of St. Louis.

The agreement was signed by Tom Jones for Jess Willard; Mike Collins for Fulten and Thomas S. Andrews of Milwaukee for the New Orleans Athletic club. The referee will be chosen later.

GERMAN RELIEF FUND

Sale of Nails to Be Driven Into Cross Made By Officers of Vessels Interned at Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—A unique sale is being held under the auspices of the German and Austro-Hungarian officers of vessels interned at Boston. The men have constructed a wooden cross and until Jan. 15 nails will be sold at varying prices, which will be driven into the cross, either by the purchaser or by those in charge. On Jan. 15 the final nails will be driven and the close of the sale celebrated by music and addresses. The funds derived will be sent to Germany for the widows and orphans of German and Austrian soldiers.

The cross is on exhibition at the offices of the Hamburg-American line, 507 Boylston street, where the nails, of iron, silver and gold, with prices to match, may be bought and hammered into the wood. There are 5000 nails, from the sale of which it is hoped to secure \$10,000.

The program Jan. 15 will consist of music by the Witek trio, a male and mixed chorus, Irma Seydel, Bruno Jaenicke, Gustave Heim and Mrs. Schmidt-Willing, wife of the assistant concert master of the Symphony orchestra, who will make her first appearance in this country. There will be an address by Hugo Muensterberg.

The executive committee in charge of the sale comprises Capt. Polack of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, Capt. Schulte of the Amerika, Capt. Schanzschmidt of the Cincinnati, assisted by E. Craner, C. Stehr, Bryde and Ahlers, officers of the interned vessels.

FOR SUNDAY BASEBALL

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Representative-elect P. R. Ammon of Cambridge has filed with the clerk of the house of representatives a petition providing for the playing of golf, tennis and baseball on Sunday. The petition is signed by Elia C. Willard of Cambridge and by several sporting writers. It reads: "Section 1. Golf, playing on public or private links, tennis playing on public or private courts and baseball playing in all public parks shall be permitted between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock from and including May 1 to Nov. 1, of each year.

"Section 2. This act shall take effect on May 3, 1916.

JULIUS E. WARD DEAD

KENNEBUNK, Me., Dec. 15.—Word was received here yesterday of the death of Julius E. Ward, who died at a Boston hospital following an attack of pneumonia.

He was a teacher and composer of music, and for a year was musical director at the Congregational church in Biddeford. He conducted several old folks concerts and wrote vocal music for several Boston papers. He had a large number of pupils in adjoining towns and a class in Boston. He was formerly a resident of Cambridge. A wife and daughter, Mrs. E. A. Baker of Kennebunk, survive. The funeral will take place at Waverly Wednesday.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

GUESTS AT PRESIDENT WILSON'S WEDDING; PASS CHRISTIAN NAMED FOR HONEYMOON



Social and official Washington being disappointed by the decision of Mrs. Galt and President Wilson to restrict the wedding list to Mrs. Galt's and President Wilson's close relatives and members of the president's household, the capital philosophically decided to approve the president's plan to have as quiet a wedding as possible. The marriage of Mrs. Galt and the president will take place on Saturday, Dec.

18, at Mrs. Galt's home, No. 1308 Twentieth street, northwest. The only guests will be Mrs. Galt's mother, her brothers and sisters; the president's brother and sister; his daughters and the members of his household. No formal announcement will be issued. The formal picture, the members are, from left to right, Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president; Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, another daughter, and her husband; Mrs. William G. McAdoo, another daughter, and her husband, the secretary of the treasury; No. 2 is Mrs. Howe, the president's niece; No. 3, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the president's naval aide, physician and intimate friend; No. 4, Joseph R. Wilson, the president's brother; No. 5 is a walk in Pass Christian, Miss. where it was said the honeymoon would be passed.

Sunday evening, Miss Leash will leave within a few days for her home in York, Pa.

A delightful musical program was carried out, and refreshments were enjoyed. The following contributed to the musical program: Mr. Ruel LeClair, Miss Katherine Kinnon, Misses Ellen Hall, Mildred Delaney, Mabel Burke, Alice Monahan, Caroline Hall, Catherine Leash, Messrs. Joseph McAvinue, Harry McDermott, Samuel Finnegan, Joseph Baxter and Albert Kinnon.

From Yesterday's Late Edition

BROWN CASE UP AGAIN

The arguments in the proceedings brought by Attorney Albert S. Howard for the arrest of former Mayor George H. Brown preparatory to poor debtors' proceedings were heard by Associate Justice Fisher in the court of second sessions this afternoon. The manuscript of the evidence was today signed by Mr. Brown in the presence of Assistant Clerk Trull, as justice of the peace, and submitted to the court. No decision was made.

Edward F. Tierney, Mr. Brown's counsel, contended that Mr. Howard

had not proven any of the charges specified in the papers. He made particular mention of the charge that Mr. Brown had assigned his pay while commissioner for the purpose of defrauding creditors, claiming that Mr. Brown owed money to the party to whom his pay was assigned.

Mr. Howard, arguing his own claim, asserted that Mr. Brown had come into considerable money the past few years and could have paid the verdict awarded Mr. Howard by a jury.

TENDERED FAREWELL PARTY

A very enjoyable farewell party was tendered Miss Katherine Kinnon last night at the home of Miss Katherine Kinnon.

FUNERALS

O'LEARY.—The floral tributes sent to the funeral of the late Thomas J. O'Leary were but partially reported.

ZIRASKI.—The funeral of Andrew Ziraski took place this afternoon from the home, 88 Common street. A libera was chanted at the Holy Trinity church in High street at 2 o'clock by Rev. A. Ogonowski. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Joseph Albert.

Stock Market Closing Prices Dec. 15

FOR COMPLETE REPORT OF TODAY'S CLOSING PRICES SEE LATER EDITION

NEW YORK MARKET			
Stocks	High	Low	Close
Am Can pf	113	113	113
Am Beet Sugar	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Am Car & Pn	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
Am Cit Oil	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Am Hide & L	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Am Locomo	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Am Shook & R	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Am Sugar Rfn	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
Anacosta	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Atchison	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Baldwin Loco	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Bell & Ohio	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Bell & Ohio pf	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Bk Rap Tran	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Canadian Pac	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2
Chile	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Cent Leather	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Chl & Gl W	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Col Fuel	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Crescent Steel	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
De Saur Co	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Erie	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Erie 1st pf	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Gen Elec	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Gen North pf	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Gl N Ore off	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Int Paper	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Int Paper pf	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Kan City	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Lehigh Valley	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Mt Vernon	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Nat Lead	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
N Y Central	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Nor & West	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Nor Am Co	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
North Pacific	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Ont & West	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Pennsylvania	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Pope's Gas	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Preced Steel	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Ry & S Co	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
Reading	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Rec Iron & S	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
St Paul	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
So Pacific	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Southern Ry	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Studebaker	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Union Copper	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Union Pacific	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
U S Rub	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
U S Steel	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
U S Steel pf	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
U S Steel 3d	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
U S Steel 4th	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Westinghouse	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Western Un	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2

COTTON MARKET			
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Cotton in-			
tures opened steady. December 12 1/2.			
January 12 3/8, October 12 3/8. Cotton fu-			
tures closed steady. December 12 1/2.			
January 12 3/8, March 12 3/8, May 12 3/8.			
July 12 1/2, October 12 3/8. Spot steady.			
middling 12 3/8.			

EXCHANGES			
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Exchanges,			

SPECIAL STOCKS GAIN			
Stocks	High	Low	Close
Alaska Gold	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Algonquin	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Allouez	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
American zinc	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Arcadian	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Arizona Con	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Butte & Superior	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Cal & Arizona	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Cal & Hecla	540	540	540
Centennial	15	15	15
Chino	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Copper Range	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
De Saur Co	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Franklin	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Granby	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Greene-Cannara	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Hancock	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Isle Royale	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Kerr Lake	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Lake	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
La Salle	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Mass	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Mayflower	4	4	4
Miami	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Mohawk	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Nevada	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Nipissing	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
North Butte	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
No Lake	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Old Colony	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Old Dominion	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Oreocla	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Quincy	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Roy Con	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Santa Fe	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Superior	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Tamarack	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Timberline	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Tulahoma	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
U S Smelting	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
U S Smelting pf	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Utah Apex	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Utah Cons	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Wolverine	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2

BOSTON MARKET			
Stocks	High	Low	Close
Boston Elevated	82	82	82
Boston & Maine	34	34	34
N Y & N H	74	74	74

RAILROADS			
Stocks	High	Low	Close
Adventure	2	2	2
Alaska Gold	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Algonquin	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Allouez	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
American zinc	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Arcadian	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Arizona Con	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Butte & Superior	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Cal & Arizona	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Cal & Hecla	540	540	540
Centennial	15	15	15
Chino	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Copper Range	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
De Saur Co	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Franklin	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Granby	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Greene-Cannara	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Hancock	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Isle Royale	28 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Kerr Lake	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Lake	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
La Salle	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Mass	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Mayflower	4	4	4
Miami	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Mohawk	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Nevada	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Nipissing	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
North Butte	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
No Lake	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Old Colony	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Old Dominion	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Oreocla	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Quincy	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Roy Con	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Santa Fe	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Superior	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Tamarack	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Timberline	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Tulahoma	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
U S Smelting	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
U S Smelting pf	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Utah Apex	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Utah Cons	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Wolverine	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2

TELEPHONE			
Stocks	High	Low	Close
Am Tel & Tel	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS			
Stocks	High	Low	Close
Am Ag Chem pf	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Am Pneumatic	2	2	2
Am Pump	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Am Wagon pf	95	95	95 1/2
Island Creek Coal	50	50	50
Miss Gas	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Miss Gas pf	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Pond Creek	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Swift & Co	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
United Fruit	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2
United Sh M	51	51	50 1/2

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Utah Apex	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Utah Cons	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Wolverine	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2

MONEY MARKET			
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mercantile pa-			
per 30 days, Sterling. Sixty days bill			
1/2, demand 1 1/2, cables 1 1/2.			
French 1/2, demand 1 1/2, cables 1 1/2.			
Marka 1/2, demand 1 1/2, cables 1 1/2.			
German 1/2, demand 1 1/2, cables 1 1/2.			
Italian 1/2, demand 1 1/2, cables 1 1/2.			
Spanish 1/2, demand 1 1/2, cables 1 1/2.			
Mexican 1/2, demand 1 1/2, cables 1 1/2.			
Government bonds firm, railroad bonds heavy. Time			
loans firm, sixty days 2 1/2, ninety			
days 2 1/2, six months 2 1/2, one			
year 2 1/2, cables 2 1/2. Real silver 3 1/2.			
Money loan 2 1/2, closing bid 2 1/2; offered			

BASEBALL WAR AT END

Federals and Organized Baseball Leaders Reach Agreement—Terms Kept Secret

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Peace between the Federal league and organized baseball was practically declared yesterday when the managers of the American league passed favorably on the proposition submitted to them by the National and Federal leagues. Indications are that before the week is over all details of the peace will have been arranged. It means there will be only two major leagues next season—the National and American. The proposition will be pacified by being permitted to buy clubs in organized ball.

The announcement came after an exciting afternoon at the Congress hotel. Barney Dreyfuss was the hearer of the peace pact, arising post haste and discussing it with the proposition. A half hour later he had the floor in the assembly hall at the hotel, where the American league had gathered to receive him and the message.

Dreyfuss spent more than an hour there, then retired, and the Ban Johnson, president of the American league, before adjourning, they recalled him to the meeting room for another session, then adjourned for dinner and announced that peace was assured.

Dreyfuss left last night for New York to report to the National league of the trip. The proposition is, just what the peace proposition is, was not given out for publication. While it is in favor with all three leagues, it will require much work to straighten it out. That will be accomplished by three committees, one from each league, and these committees will meet tomorrow to discuss the details.

As soon as the afternoon session was adjourned, President Johnson was stormed by a host of war veterans, players and managers, to whom he spoke as follows:

"We have received the peace proposition from Mr. Dreyfuss of the National league, but I am not at liberty to discuss it at this time. However, I will say the proposition is favorable to the American league, with the exception of only one or two minor points which may be easily adjusted. The proposition, according to Mr. Dreyfuss, is favorable to both the National and Federal league club owners and managers, and consequently, it is a peace proposition. The details are to be discussed by the committees, one from each league, and this committee meeting is to be held this week. The National commission may have to aid in adjusting some of the details."

Dreyfuss declared there was no mention of the Cleveland club in the terms he brought.

Weighman to Get Cubs
As yet no one can say just what will be done, but there seems little doubt but that the Chicago Cubs will be sold to Charles Weighman and his associates and will be seen at the North Side park when the season of 1916 begins. Whether Joe Tinker or Roger Bresnahan will be the manager, is not known. Undoubtedly, that is one of the points to be settled by the committee. It is quite certain that Tinker will be the manager and Bresnahan will be placed in charge of some other club, possibly Pittsburgh.

It also is quite certain that Harry Sinclair, the wealthy owner of the New York Yacht club, will be at least a part owner of the New York Yankees. There is little doubt but that Phil Ball will be the owner of the St. Louis Cardinals. It is likely that other Federal league magnates are to be taken care of either in the National league or the International, and it is barely possible that some of them will have a chance to buy the Cleveland club of the American league.

The visit of Dreyfuss, as a messenger of peace, was the big event of the day and all other affairs were practically abandoned. The American league had no desire to enter upon their annual business affairs until they had learned just what it was Dreyfuss had to offer.

Ends Two Years of War
The peace protocol ends a war that began to attack the Federal league this month. The Federal league had been in existence then a year, but not until Joe Tinker, unable to reach terms with the Brooklyn Nationals, had agreed to join the Chicago Federals did it look serious. Tinker induced a number of players, from both rival leagues, to join the new league and its organizers succeeded in attracting additional capitalists as backers.

The new league then expanded, putting teams in Brooklyn and St. Louis. In addition to its former circuit, and one by one gathered into its fold some star ball players.

The legality of contracts brought the fight between the Federals and organized ball into the courts in several cases, the climax coming with the anti-trust suit filed before Judge Landis about a year ago. This case came to trial last January, but the judge has never handed down a decision, and some baseball men thought he was hoping for the success of peace negotiations. Since, during the trial he declared he was against anything "calculated to tear down this structure known as baseball."

TO RATIFY TERMS
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The future status of big league baseball will be decided at a peace conference of representatives of the National, American and Federal and International leagues here tomorrow. The expectations of the magnates who have framed the tentative agreement after three years of war are fulfilled.

Members of the National league here in their annual meeting are waiting to day for the arrival of the conference committee appointed by the American league to ratify the proposed terms of peace. The committee is headed by Dan Johnson.

James Gilmore, president of the Federal league, and Harry F. Sinclair, owner of the Newark Federals are ready to take part in the conference to determine the future of baseball organizations representing an outlay estimated at more than \$16,000,000.

No authoritative statement has been made of the terms of peace. It is understood that many problems remain to be decided. Chief among them is the demand for the return of the President Gilmore that organized baseball must take over the \$350,000 pay roll of the Federal league.

Some of the baseball players here are apprehensive as to the result affecting them. Many Federal league players fear they will be out of a job next season, while others of the two leagues expect to have to play for less money than heretofore.

CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK
CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Members of the peace committee of the American league will attend a conference in New York tomorrow with committees from the National and Federal leagues at which, it is expected, peace in the baseball world will be declared. Indications are, it is said, that all details will be settled by Saturday night.

Although the peace proposals have been kept secret, it is said that Chas. J. Weighman, president of the Chicago Federals, will come into control of the Chicago National league club. To conclude the business of the annual meeting the American league club owners remained in session until long after last midnight. The rule adopted prohibiting American league players from writing for newspapers or magazines or permitting their names to be used over stories in such publications had the approval of every club owner. It is said that the league has decided to stop the practice of post-season tours by so-called all-star teams.

HOWLING NOTES
The quintet of howlers rolling under the name of the Woodbines in the club league at the Jewel alleys are not connected with the Woodbine Social club.

The McMahon family howling team challenges any family team in New England for one of a series of matches for the championship of this district.

INDOOR SPORTS
The series of indoor athletic events for employed boys at the Y.M.C.A. was concluded Tuesday night with A. J. Johnston the winner, scoring 1007 points. Johnston won the first prize, a silver medal, and the bronze medal for second place went to F. W. Harris, Jr., who scored 876 points. The results of Tuesday night's events were as follows:

Two-lap run: First, C. Prunelli; second, H. J. Scott; third, A. Bennett. Time, 1:35.5.
Running broad jump: First, A. J. Johnston; second, H. J. Scott; third, A. Bennett. Distance, 14 feet, 10 inches.
Twelve-pound shot putt: First, Prunelli; second, Bennett; third, F. Mulgrave. Distance, 27 feet, 8 inches. The final standing is: A. J. Johnston, 1007 points; F. W. Harris, Jr., 876 points; C. M. Kilduff, 814 points; H. J. Scott, 745 points; F. Mulgrave, 713 points.

BASKETBALL COMMENT
Lowell did not play in Holliston last night, the game having been put off for a week at the request of the Holliston management.

Worcester has regained its stride and is going along at a great pace. After a disastrous slump, the heart of the commonwealth quintet has put across wins over Lowell, Marlboro and Maynard. Worcester plays in Lowell in a few weeks.

Mulvany must have got snowed in up at Nashua Tuesday night, for he did not put in an appearance and nothing has been heard from him since. He probably went looking for the shoes he threw away down in Marlboro.

Tim Shrugue, another Gate City athlete, will make his initial appearance with the local quintet here next Tuesday night against Northboro. Shrugue is in splendid physical condition and should make a good impression.

The Lawrence writers think quite highly of Angus McIntosh, the L.M.A.A. player who has done excellent work for the down river quintet thus far this season. McIntosh started out with one of the second teams last season and played against the Y.M.C.A. second team at the Stockpile street game.

Jimmy Keenan, who starred for the Y.M.C.A. second team the past two seasons, is playing the game again this season. Keenan is a wonderfully improved player, and he has gained considerable weight. He will undoubtedly

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make the Y.M.C.A. first team which will start its schedule in a few weeks.

Frank McPherson, the former N. E. league baseball player and at one time majority stockholder in the city of Laconia, N. H., will get into the game against Fitchburg tomorrow night. The Centralville athlete was not started in last Tuesday night's game and as a result a large number of Centralville fans were disappointed.

The South Framingham team has been transferred to Fitchburg, in which city Lowell will play its first game tomorrow night. South Framingham fans did not appreciate the sport and consequently Manager McCabe lost several hundred dollars. Amott, who is physical director in the Fitchburg schools and also a member of the team, was instrumental in the change. Manager Low force played with Fitchburg in the old league and the fans are planning to give him a grand reception tomorrow night.

Jimmy Grant is all done with basketball, so far at least as the Massachusetts Central Basketball league is concerned. The Centralville boy will play with Franklin and Laconia two nights a week for the remainder of the season.

Herve Cole, Grant's side partner, who induced him to shoulder in the game against Worcester last night, will probably get into harness against Northboro. Cole is a very reliable man and has a good eye for the basket. He played in one or two games following the Worcester encounter, but there was no strength in his shoulder and his man got away from him easily. Cole is said to be staying in the city of his size in the state playing the game.

The local quintet has shown marked signs of improvement since Paul Clark's advent into the game. Clark is said to be Follansbee as a passwork artist, and he is easily the best under-the-basket shot on the team. He scored most of Lowell's baskets against Worcester and he duplicated the feat Tuesday night against Holliston. He is now slated by the management as a regular.

The Holliston game last Tuesday night was a farce from a basketball standpoint. The Holliston lads were not in the same class with the local athletes, and their playing was quite amateurish. In Leland, Holliston has a player of caliber, but the rest are simply novices at the game.

All men in this great and glorious country may be free and equal and a large number athletic, but one of the visiting players who came to Lowell on Tuesday night with the Holliston team didn't look the part when garbed in a basketball suit. He was one of the most awkward players seen at the local game this season. The fact that he was the same in athletic regalia and bathing suits.

The addition of Leo Lacasse to the Lowell team is a ten-strike for Manager Lew. Lacasse is one of the hardest working little fellows in the game. In the game Tuesday night he delighted the fans on several occasions by jumping into scrimmages and coming out with the ball. He is a good player and a wonderful floor worker.

Local fans would hail with delight the return of Joe "Wigs" Donahue to the game. Donahue would fill a big gap in the Lowell team if he could be induced to re-enter the game. The elongated one is just as good a basketball player as he is a banquet toastmaster, which we think is saying a mouthful.

Basketball fans in a city not many miles away from Lowell are enthusiastic over the sport, that a manager of a large clothing concern has offered to furnish a team with all necessary paraphernalia and hire the hall for all home games.

Joe Foley, the speedy left forward of the O.Y.M.C. team is back in the game. Foley is a streak on the basketball court, and he is a real find. He takes a big brace and new life whenever he is put into the lineup.

Basketball followers are predicting great things for the five boys who will wear the Y.M.C.A. colors this season. The quintet will be strengthened this year by the addition of Cahill and Bradley, two new members of the team which will play at the Stockpile street game.

It does look as though some of the players on the local team are trying for action in the football game. The playing team work, individual work never wins games, although it may appeal to some fans. Co-operative effort should be the goal of every member of the team.

The Knights of Columbus team of Worcester is now playing without the services of Foster who is on the injured list. Nugent and Keegan are being used alternately.

The brace taken in basketball circles this season leads one to think of the time the sport was played by girls at the local high school. The girls in these days lasted just about twice as many baskets in a game as the players of today. The game was a paying proposition, too.

The C. Y. M. L. team will play the Pirates tonight in C. Y. M. L. hall. The following C. Y. M. L. players will be used in the game: Lane, McLaughlin, Martin, Shanahan, Mandell, Flynn, Foley and Ford.

The Bellevue quintet will open its season tomorrow night at the Lowell Boys' club, Dutton street with the Get-Together club as their opponents. The Bellevue expect to have a very good season as Manager Lawson has secured some of the best amateurs in Lowell with the quintet. The players are asked to report: R. McDonald, B. Lane, L. Rourke, F. Purcell, D. Shanahan. All others wishing a tryout can see the manager at the club, Odd Fellows building, rooms 18-20 any evening.

Y.M.C.A. BASKETBALL TEAM
The report comes from the Y.M.C.A. that the society will be represented in basketball within a few weeks by one of the fastest amateur teams in the state. The board of directors has appointed David Dwyer, the well known letter carrier manager, and he expects to bring together a formidable quintet. Games will be played with local and out-of-town teams and it is quite likely that towards the close of the season a series of games will be played with a local society aggregation.

Manager Dwyer has had plenty of experience in the sport and should produce a winner from the material offered among the Institute athletes. For a number of years he was a member of the Y.M.C.A. teams and was rated as a very fast forward. He will assume full charge of the team.

SKATING POPULAR EVERYWHERE
Ice skating is fast becoming the national winter sport, and no wonder. A healthier, more wholesome or less expensive form of recreation does not exist. Lowell is famous as a leader in many lines, and now she is again assuming a position of leadership for she boasts of the finest outdoor rink in the state. Last Sunday more than a thousand enthusiastic, young and old, and of both sexes, skated to their hearts' delight at Washington park and voted it the most enjoyable period of the week. A large force of men have been steadily at work removing the snow, and Washington park is now in perfect condition again. Its glassy surface, well lighted, and protected by a fence for perfect order are well known to those who have enjoyed its hospitality. Ladies and children especially find their comfort and convenience cared for. In New York city more than four outdoor rinks are thronged with patrons, who gladly contribute fifty cents for an admission fee. Washington park provides a perfect skating surface for the ridiculous sum of ten cents. This is possible because such a strong appreciates what it is getting for so little.

MRS. KELMAN WON MATCH

In a rival 10-string bowling match at a downtown alley last night between Mrs. F. Kelman and Miss L. McEnaney the former won by the scant margin of three pins. The match was of much interest and bowling fans and friends of each roller were on hand to offer encouragement. Mrs. Kelman got the jump in the first string with a score of 95 to 79 for Miss McEnaney. She continued to hit the white streaks in her league style and won four out of the first five strings. Miss McEnaney came back strong in the last five strings and managed to win four out of the five. At the conclusion of the last string Miss McEnaney was enthusiastically applauded when it was announced that she had sent 110 pins scattering over the polished surface.

Mrs. Kelman—95, 91, 97, 85, 87, 96, 80, 95, 88, 81—591.
Miss McEnaney—79, 78, 73, 90, 89, 100, 82, 91, 90, 110—588.

NASHUA BOWLERS WON
Nashua pin splitters won from Lowell in a bowling match at City League, at the Hittman alleys, Nashua, Tuesday night. One of the Lowell bowlers was missing at the start of the contest and an agreement was made by which the teams rolled with four men. The scores:

Nashua	Lowell
Holt.....91 94 91 274	Shea.....85 90 102 280
McQuinn.....93 88 92 273	Flanders.....81 96 85 262
Traversa.....91 90 85 266	Kelly.....97 81 87 265
McQuinn.....91 90 85 266	
Totals.....373 351 354 1108	

Nashua	Lowell
Shea.....85 90 102 280	
Flanders.....81 96 85 262	
Kelly.....97 81 87 265	
Totals.....371 344 374 1089	

Several exciting matches were rolled last night in the City League, and it was well attended by the bowling crowd. The Crescent sprang the big surprise of the evening by taking four points from the Kiltree contingent. Johnson was the honor man in this match with a mark of 326.

The White Wings succeeded in taking two strings and the total in the game with the Bridge streets. Every man on the Middlesex street team rolled over the 300 mark. Kempton leading his teammates with the excellent total of 354. Devlin was the only man on the opposing quintet to hurl over the honor mark for the Bridge Streets.

Carr's team dropped the first and second strings to the Brunswicks, but managed to win in the total by a mighty spurt in the last frame. Sawyer with a three-string total of 330 was high man for Carr's and Dickey with 321 was the best performer for the Brunswicks.

The Kimball System took two strings and the total from the Jewel alleys on the latter team's home court. Harry Whipple negotiated a 304 mark for his team which was the highest carried off the honors for the Kimballs with a total of 224. Chel Martell, rolling anchor, obtained a 319 rating.

The scores:

Crescents	2	3	Totals
Jewett.....100 90 107 397			
Connon.....95 97 97 289			
Johnson.....110 110 98 318			
On Brun.....96 118 112 326			
Kelly.....101 116 113 330			
Totals.....502 620 524 1546			

Kiltree	2	3	Totals
McNeil.....97 89 77 263			
Dooley.....96 99 115 290			
McQuinn.....97 100 99 296			
McCarthy.....112 88 95 295			
Singleton.....92 82 84 258			
Totals.....483 482 480 1445			

White Ways	2	3	Totals
Cole.....94 115 95 304			
Bernardini.....108 90 102 300			
Curry.....110 95 107 312			
Hend.....108 109 126 343			
Kempton.....111 102 114 327			
Totals.....540 501 571 1612			

Bridge Sts.	2	3	Totals
O'Brien.....83 97 100 280			
Brighton.....88 95 113 296			
Sweeney.....89 88 95 272			
Devlin.....110 97 95 292			
Totals.....462 621 507 1490			

Jewels	2	3	Totals
Farrell.....83 103 104 290			
McQuinn.....94 90 90 274			
McCarthy.....106 97 91 294			
Jodell.....106 97 91 294			
Martin.....97 105 82 284			
Totals.....499 491 455 1445			

Kimball System	2	3	Totals
Flanders.....108 112 103 323			
Myrick.....103 110 97 310			
McCarthy.....93 96 95 284			
Crab.....82 103 104 289			
Martell.....85 118 115 318			
Totals.....490 548 514 1552			

Carr's	2	3	Totals
Sawyer.....95 108 123 326			
Barrows.....104 117 90 311			
Wynne.....105 112 95 292			
Lane.....107 107 81 295			
O'Brien.....92 88 133 303			
Totals.....495 620 532 1647			

Drumstick	2	3	Totals
Whalen.....91 101 86 278			
Walsh.....103 102 112 317			
McCarthy.....105 109 107 321			
Perry.....97 129 91 317			
Totals.....503 621 486 1610			

and held him until the arrival of a squad of police.

Lapage, who is small for his age, was arrested in court today charged with drunkenness, and assault upon George Demopoulos, the clerk. He pleaded guilty to all charges and was held in \$500 until Saturday so that his past record could be definitely established. The lad admitted that he had been arrested three times in the New Hampshire city for drunkenness.

According to Demopoulos, he was standing behind a counter in the store about 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the young man entered and slipping a revolver from his coat sleeve asked or money. The clerk at first thought that it was a "joke hold-up" but Lapage pulled the gun at Demopoulos' forehead and ordered him to surrender, announcing that it was no funny matter. Without hesitating Demopoulos said that he jumped on the young robber and knocking him to the floor, took the revolver from his hand and threw it one side. He then lay on top of the young man until the arrival of Lieut. Connors and Patrolman Abbott, who were summoned from the street by witnesses.

Lieut. Maher and Patrolman Dwyer also answered a call from the police station and when they arrived Lapage was found lying on the floor, apparently suffering from the effects of liquor. He was immediately taken into custody. A search was then made for the revolver but it could not be found. A minister of a Greek church in Melrose witnessed the assault and told the police that he saw the revolver picked up by one of the persons standing in the store. It has not yet been recovered by the police.

The defendant said that he came from Manchester, N. H., with a friend and attempted the robbery because he was in need of money. He admitted carrying the revolver but could give no information as to where it disappeared. Lapage said that he is an orphan and was adopted by two Manchester women when a year old. His case was continued so that the story could be investigated.

A Neglected Mother
Clarence I. and Andrew M. Richardson were adjudged guilty of failing to provide for their destitute mother, Emma I. The latter, a woman of 70 years, testified that she lived with a daughter and her husband, who were capable of earning good money, expressed a willingness to care for their mother but the court opined that a definite order should be made and placed both on

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THE SPELLBINDER

Mayor-elect O'Donnell, when seen this morning relative to the probable assignment of commissioners, said: "I haven't given the matter any thought as yet, and nobody has spoken to me about it. My own position, of course, is fixed by the charter."

Many Post-Mortems

Now they are holding post-mortems on the election and the principal discussion seems to be on the defeat of George H. Brown. Republicans make the statement that Abel R. Campbell was sacrificed by his own party in order to accomplish the defeat of Brown. Whether that is a fact or not, I know not. Of the four candidates for commissioner, three were republicans and one a democrat, in national politics, while the city is a democratic city. Therefore, if party lines be regarded as deciding factors, which they were not, it was a "reach" that Donnelly should win, and it was a fight between the other three. For second choice among the democrats the "pols" say it was a toss-up between Morse and Brown, and Commissioner Morse had the advantage of a close personal acquaintance with the street and sewer employees of the city for the past 20 years, and from the old days when he was foreman of the ledge he was a prime favorite with them. Many supporters of Mayor Murphy now aver that one of the big contributory causes of his defeat was the overzealous efforts of one of his newspaper backers and one of his police department friends.

Police Were Too Busy

On Friday somebody, and it is believed that that somebody was an old Civil war veteran, a man 70 years of age, and well known, came to Lowell and in broad daylight kidnapped two children and went away scot free with the little ones. The mother of the children notified the police, but the police were too busy conducting an election, and they gave out only a passing reference to the case to the newspapers.

From Friday until after the election of Tuesday, the police apparently had no time to go out and catch a crippled old man with two children, and the mother of the children, despairing of their aid, requested The Sun to aid her in locating the little ones.

Yesterday, with the aid of The Sun sought, and the election over, the police suddenly got busy on the case and this morning the Courier-Citizen devoting considerable space to the affair, informed its readers that Officer Petrie spent the entire day on the case yesterday. Surely it was fine time to go after the kidnapper five days after he had stolen the children, though the police were notified on Friday. The fact of the matter was, that the men who should have been working on that kidnapping case since Friday were so busy with politics up to the closing of the polls that they could not attend to the other little matter of law-enforcement.

It is a good bet that if Mayor-elect O'Donnell were at the head of the police department the police would have a report of progress to make on such a case within a very few hours after it had been reported, or he would ascertain the reason why.

Paul Hannagan's Defeat

The defeat of Paul Hannagan, in Lawrence, was learned with regret by his many friends in this city. Paul has been a familiar and picturesque figure in politics for many years, and like Charlie Morse he is known all over the state as an authority on street and sewer building. Paul was a close friend of the Big Chief and the latter can now say to him, as the late P. A. Collins once said at an O'Reilly memorial meeting: "I'm in with you, and I also mourn alone."

The Stay-at-Homes

Some of Mayor Murphy's friends at

tribute his defeat to the weather and claim that the storm made election day an "O'Donnell day," that many Murphy supporters remained at home on account of the weather. In the old days it was a popular belief that stormy weather augured well for the democrats while fair weather meant success for the republicans. Some local doers figured on the old belief, for some of the Murphy men incorrectly assumed that his honor was the choice of the republicans as a party. The idea is absurd. If the weather kept Murphy men away from the polls, and incidentally it might be remarked that in precinct 1 of ward 8, 71 French voters on the check list did not go to the polls. Undoubtedly every one of them had a good excuse, for the French voters took a deep interest in the election. If they had voted, Mayor-elect O'Donnell's majority probably would have been over 400. But as a matter of fact, the registrars of voters will tell you that 13,811 ballots was a large vote for the city of Lowell, regardless of any weather conditions.

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M'CHORD RE-APPOINTED

NAMED FOR INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION BY PRESIDENT WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Wilson today formally nominated C. C. McChord of Kentucky to be a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed himself.

NAMES POSTMASTERS

PRES. WILSON NOMINATES JAS. H. HOAR FOR FALL RIVER—OTHER NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Wilson today nominated James H. Hoar to be postmaster at Fall River, Mass. George H. Sherry was nominated to be postmaster at Dover, N. H. Other nominations of postmasters were:

John A. Farrell, Westerly, R. I.
Michael J. Moran, Brattleboro, Vt.

FOR PRESIDENT WILSON

NAME WILL BE PLACED ON MICHIGAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 16.—President Wilson's name will be placed on the Michigan presidential primary ballot as democratic candidate for president. The secretary of state announced today that enough petitions had been filed to make certain such action.

NEED DRAFTSMEN

Congress Asked to Provide Additional Employees for the Navy Department

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Unless congress provides for 50 or 70 additional employees for the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department, the designing of the ships included in the administration's five-year building program will be delayed six months or longer and construction of the ships themselves held up for that time. An estimate of \$300,000, in addition to its usual estimates for office work, has been submitted by the bureau. It is to cover the pay of additional draftsmen.

An illustration of the increasing size of battle craft is given in the fact that the bureau asks for new drafting tables on which to make the plans for the 500-foot battle cruisers. The present tables are barely large enough for the last battleship plans and the ships are to be only a little more than 600 feet in length.

CREW WAS SAVED

Swedish Bark Carolina Was Abandoned Five Miles From the Shore

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 16.—The Swedish bark Carolina, with bulk sulphur from Freeport to Gothenburg, sprang a leak off the Brazos river bar, and last night was abandoned in five fathoms of water between four and five miles from shore. Her crew was saved by the Veleco life saving station.

WARNING AGAINST FIRE

Chief Saunders Tells of Xmas Tree Danger—Tree on Common as Last Year

There was a Christmas tree discussion at city hall today and Fire Chief Saunders broke in with a few practical suggestions, for he it is known that Lowell's fire chief is nothing if not practical. He said that inflammable material should be kept a safe distance from lights on Christmas trees. He told of a liquid that he had seen used at a convention in Cincinnati in September, to prevent fire. Anything treated with the liquid, he said, would not burn.

"The demonstrators even went so far," said Mr. Saunders, "as to sprinkle a little girl's dress and then attempt to set fire to it. The dress would not burn and neither would paper flowers and other things that had been treated with the liquid in question. But it is useless to advocate the use of the liquid, and I am not sure that it is procurable here. But the greatest care should be exercised in connection with Christmas trees as they have been responsible for a number of fire alarms in the past. It is no more the real necessity of putting candles on trees, but if candles are really a necessary adjunct they ought not to be surrounded by flammable or inflammable material."

Christmas Tree on Common
Speaking about Christmas trees, the

THE ANCONA CASE

Continued

mirally itself. American officials are at a loss to understand where there is much room for discussion or dispute of facts.

News recently from Vienna that the submarine which sank the Ancona was missing led some officials to believe that a new element had been introduced into the dispute which has promise of carrying some weight. That point, however, seems to have been disregarded in Austria's answer, so far as officials can judge from the unofficial text received here.

Wanton Slaughter

American officials believed that, taking as a basis the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the Ancona was shelled, torpedoed and sunk while passengers still were aboard, there would be little room for discussion of Secretary Lansing's contention that the commander violated the principles of international law and humanity, and that it was "wanton slaughter of defenseless non-combatants."

Officials pointed out today that a thoroughly unsatisfactory and unresponsive reply from Austria would bring diplomatic relations between the two countries to a crisis because of the closing words of Secretary Lansing's note, which declared that "good relations between the two countries rest upon a common regard for law and humanity," and that Austria, appreciating the gravity of the case, "will accede to its (the United States) demand promptly."

Demands Note

Specifically, the note demanded denouncing the sinking of the Ancona as "an illegal and indefensible act," the punishment of the commander who "perpetrated the deed" and the payment of an indemnity to those who were killed. The note stands as the most vigorous of all the American correspondence of the war and was not equaled even by the note at the close of the submarine controversy with Germany.

Austria's diplomatic relations with the United States since the recall of Ambassador Duménil for his conduct with plots to cripple American munitions plants have been maintained by the embassy here with Baron Zwiédinek as chargé d'affaires.

Baron Zwiédinek had no official despatches from Vienna but after reading the news despatches, he went to the state department and conferred with Secretary Lansing. Previously the bureau had inquired what the attitude of the United States would be toward an unacceptable reply. Today, on the basis of the news despatches, the charge and the secretary discussed the situation informally.

Baron Zwiédinek spent only a few minutes with Secretary Lansing and returned to the embassy. Soon after noon the state department began to receive a long despatch from Ambassador Penfield. Officials said it was not the Austrian government's reply to the Ancona note, but a personal report of an informative nature on the situation from the ambassador himself. There was no indication of when the text of the reply would be received, or if it was in transit.

ANCONA SINKING UPHELD

VIENNA, Dec. 16 (by courier to Berlin): via London, Dec. 16.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty is entirely opposed to any disavowal of the course of the submarine commander who was responsible for the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona. On the contrary, it approves his conduct fully and declares that he would have been considered as having failed to perform his duty if he had allowed the Ancona to escape.

The reply to the American note, it is understood, will be delivered soon. The correspondent of the Associated Press has not been able to secure forecast of the terms of the reply, but all indications are that a pessimistic view of the situation is justified.

The admiralty today stated its case and the attitude of the naval authorities as follows:

"It is a submarine commander's duty to make a report to a designated base as soon as possible, and the commander who sank the Ancona did this as soon as he was within wireless distance of the land. He made a supplementary report at Pola, and accompanied it with his log. No examination of the crew was held, because the commander's report was considered complete and there was no reason to suppose that the crew could add anything thereto.

So far as the commander is con-

cerned, his course is clear. The admiralty has received his report and sees no reason to find any fault with his course of action.

"If any such reason existed—that is, if the admiralty had found that the commander had done anything contrary to his instructions—it would spontaneously institute an investigation against him without waiting for any demand to come from some foreign government. It can happen that a commander, in heat of battle, deals contrary to instructions, but nothing of the kind has occurred in this case.

"It appears clearly from his report that his ship was in danger, indeed, in a danger—first from the fact that an enemy boat was approaching on a line that threatened to cut off his retreat, and the enemy ship and the Ancona could have established a radius of action and could have set a torpedo-boat flotilla on him; and, second, there was danger of the Ancona escaping, which, according to his instructions, was to be prevented in all circumstances. Hence, the conduct of the commander, much as the loss of innocent lives must be regretted and deplored, cannot be disapproved.

"On the contrary, if he had departed without destroying the Ancona it would have been failure to do his duty, since the Ancona could have notified other ships of his whereabouts. The loss of American lives is regrettable, as well as that Americans used a vessel belonging to a nation at war with Austria-Hungary."

A naval writer and expert said to the Associated Press correspondent in a discussion on the demands of the American note:

"It should be remembered that Austria's fleet is her favorite child. Its honor and prestige are treasured to the highest degree. The government might possibly yield points in a matter affecting the army, but disavowal of an act of an Austrian naval officer is unthinkable in any but abnormal circumstances. Hence, the conduct of the commander, much as the loss of innocent lives must be regretted and deplored, cannot be disapproved.

GERMAN COMMENT ON NOTE

HAMBURG, via London, Dec. 16.—The newspaper Hamburger Fremden-Blatt and Hamburger Nachrichten comment at length on the note sent by the United States to Austria concerning the Ancona case. The Fremdenblatt says:

"The note has caused extraordinary surprise in Germany not only because of its harsh tone, but also because of its contradictory contents. The Ancona was fired upon because she tried to escape, not tried to escape because she was first fired upon."

The Fremdenblatt thinks that the note cannot be explained by the immediate occasion that gave rise to it, but says that probably the president's temperament was strongly influenced by general vexations such as recently occurred," but the president declares the paper, "in view of the responsibility resting upon him and also in justice of the judgment which he claims for himself, must after all attach more value to frank joint efforts to clear the atmosphere than to a momentary explosion of passions."

The Fremdenblatt proposes a joint investigation of the circumstances of the case as a step towards reaching an agreement.

The Nachrichten says it thinks the "gentlemen in Washington are incorrectly informed regarding the incident." The Nachrichten quotes the Italian captain of the Ancona for trying to escape and says that because of his action the Washington note should be addressed to Rome and not to Vienna.

LACK OF INTEREST IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 16, via London.—The transcript of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona case, reached Berlin so late that only a part of the morning newspapers were able to print it. There were no comments on the communication. A general lack of interest in the matter would appear to be indicated by the fact that the papers print the note on an inside page or give it only a secondary position on the front page.

VIENNA FOLLOWS GERMAN CUE

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Westminster Gazette says in regard to the Austrian reply to the American note: "Taking its cue from the German correspondence about the Lusitania, Vienna's purpose is clearly to denounce and involve the American government in a tedious exchange of denunciations, until presently the American mind will have forgotten the incident."

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

Tonight's meetings are as follows: Trades & Labor council, Trades & Labor hall; Painters' union, Carpenters' hall; Local 313, Machinists' union, Odd Fellows hall.

Carpenters' Union, Local 1610

Carpenters' union, local 1610 conducted an interesting business session last night in the Runels building headquarters. A list of important business was transacted and two applications for membership were received. Several committee reports were read and discussed and a number of communications were referred to the secretary after being read aloud to the body. The business agent submitted an encouraging report.

Ring Spinners' Union

Ring Spinners' union held a well attended meeting last night in Trades & Labor hall. A large amount of important business was transacted and the session was brought to a successful close by the initiation of seven new members. Following the adjournment of the meeting a very enjoyable musical program was carried out, with songs by the members of the organization.

Federated Trades Meeting

A meeting of the Federated Trades

of the Boston & Maine was held last evening in Odd Fellows hall, Middlesex street with a large attendance. A number of addresses were made including speeches by C. H. Kelley of Salem, a member of the general committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; N. J. Powers of the International main-tenance of way employees; Associated General President F. H. Knight of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America and Frank Warnock, president of the Trades & Labor council. Walter M. Chase was the presiding officer.

Moulders' Strike

"The situation in the strike of moulders at the Saco-Lowell shops remains practically unchanged today and the strikers claim that every moulder has quit work. A meeting of the men was held this morning in Trades & Labor hall, Middle street, at which addresses were made by Secretary Charles E. Anderson and New England Business Agent Eugene L. Murphy of Norwood. The moulders ask for an increase of 25 cents over the minimum wage of \$3. They expect a settlement will be reached by the end of the week. Meetings will be held every morning until further notice at 9 o'clock.

FOR GOOD ROADS

Meeting of State Association Attended by Lowell Men

President Robert F. Marden, Secretary John H. Murphy and Irving D. Kimball of the Lowell board of trade were yesterday delegates at the congress of the Massachusetts Good Roads association, which was held in Worcester. The Lowellians represented the board of trade at the congress, which was attended by about 500 men from all over the state, and they report that the meeting was both interesting and instructive.

The meeting was held at the Bancroft hotel. In the morning a business session was held and in the course of the forenoon several notable speakers were heard on matters concerning the building of good roads. In the afternoon various kinds of constructed roads were inspected, while a number of machinery used in that kind of work were also looked over.

In the evening President Marden and Secretary Murphy attended the annual dinner of the Boston chamber of commerce, which was held at the Copley Plaza in Boston, and they heard interesting addresses by H. E. Deitz, business manager of the New York World, and J. A. Estabrook of New York.

This evening the monthly meeting of the directors of the board of trade will be held at the association rooms in Central street. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock and the meal will be followed by a business meeting.

Messrs. Marden and Murphy before leaving Worcester yesterday visited several of the free employment bureaus in the city and they received valuable information which will greatly help in the establishment of a similar bureau in this city as contemplated by the mercantile committee of the board of trade.

CLAIMS BODY OF SUICIDE

Mrs. Harlow's Father Arrives in Claremont, N. H.—She Will Be Buried in Wedding Dress

CLAREMONT, N. H., Dec. 16.—James Harlow, father of Mrs. Harlow, who committed suicide last Sunday, arrived yesterday from Knowlton, Que., and returned home last night with his daughter's body.

The funeral will be at Knowlton at the family home and will be private. Mrs. Harlow's wedding dress was worn by her father, and her request that she be buried in it and her veil will be carried out.

She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

Gifts Women Like

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Silk Petticoats

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\$1.98

Mark Cross Gloves

Full line of sizes on this celebrated Glove for women in tan and gray street gloves, at

\$1.50

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ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

NEW LUNCH ROOM

Sheffield System Buys Out Former C. & K. Lunch Room

The lunch room located at 75 Central street, formerly known as the C. & K. Lunch, has been leased by Charles G. Lincoln & Co., Inc., of Hartford, Conn. This company while being one of the largest coffee roasting firms in this section of the country, also controls the large chain of Sheffield lunch rooms located in various cities in New England. It should be understood that the ownership of this lunch room has no connection with the former C. & K. Lunch system.

Mr. Lincoln, the president of the company, has been very thorough in rejuvenating and altering this lunch room. Everything which has been retained has been thoroughly cleaned so that everything, from the large refrigerator in the rear to the ceiling above, is as fresh and as neat as when new. In addition many new facilities for giving absolute satisfaction have been added by the new proprietor in his desire to make the service and satisfaction of the lunch room proverbial throughout the city.

On inspection it is easy to note that a small fortune has been spent in fitting up this new restaurant to make it inviting and attractive. The store floor, the brown marble slabs which incase the entire four walls shoulder high, the metal supply walls and the ceiling above, also of metal, represent a large outlay of money. In fact, the entire room has been so constructed and finished that it can easily be thoroughly washed with water and kept constantly immaculate. A new heating system has been installed; the woodwork shined and repainted with new paint; nothing has been left undone to make this restaurant a popular and desirable as well as appetizing place to lunch. A noticeable feature, and one that should please all, has been inaugurated by the new owners of this lunch room; trays have been provided upon which the order of the customer is placed by the waiter and which the former takes either to a marble table or a chair, according to his preference. These trays are all laid out along the outer counter and many can be supplied at once by one of the waiters without crowding the counter, thus keeping the attention of the person in charge. All food which will be served in this new restaurant will be of the highest quality, the dairy products will be absolutely fresh. The kitchen staff comprises experienced cooks who know how to prepare the food in the most appetizing and delicious manner.

It is the aim of the management to supply the patrons of their new lunch room with a service and satisfaction hitherto unknown in this section of the city. It is a pleasure for everyone to patronize their excellent cuisine in these palatial surroundings. The new Sheffield Lunch Room will be open to accommodate the public at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THE SOUTH END CLUB

LADIES' NIGHT OBSERVED AT LINCOLN HALL WITH LAUGE ATTENDANCE

The members of the South End club, one of Lowell's most progressive young men's organizations, were hosts last evening in Lincoln hall, where a large number of lady friends and invited guests gathered on the occasion of their first ladies' night, or complimentary dance. The affair was given by the club in recognition of the splendid patronage accorded to it at past social events conducted under its management and if anyone present did not enjoy himself it was not the fault of the committee in charge.

Dancing was the main feature of the evening, this being enjoyed by the club members and their friends by the selection of music and the exception of a short intermission at 10:30 o'clock. Excellent music was furnished by Markham's orchestra and the hall presented a pleasing scene, thronged with young couples gliding merrily over the floor. During the evening the rooms of the club in the Lincoln building were crowded with guests and a large number of the guests availed themselves of the opportunity to visit and inspect the spacious quarters of the club. The following members, who comprised the committee in charge, were on hand and provided entertainment for all: Chairman, Charles A. Donabue; Andrew Dowd and James L. O'Brien.

LONG SESSION OF REICHSRAT

LONDON, Dec. 16.—There is every reason to believe that the German Reichstag will have to sit much longer than was expected in order to deal with the pressing discontent among the masses," says the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News. "In order to appease these clamorings, it will need to deal with no fewer than one hundred and thirty resolutions, all relating to the distribution of food besides resolutions dealing with the social policy, which will require delicate handling and demands of better pay for the soldiers and sailors and better provision for the relief of war families."

KING DRIVEN OUT

PARIS, Dec. 16.—It is reported from Rome that King Peter of Serbia, driven from his country by the German invasion, will take refuge in Italy. A Roman dispatch to the Matin says the king has accepted Italy's offer of the palace at Caserta, near Naples.

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DECIDES JURISDICTION
ON BAY STATE RY. FARESInterstate Commerce Commis-
sion Will Probably Decide Fare
on Interstate Railways

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 16.—Regardless of the decision which the Massachusetts public service commission may reach on the contention of Attorney General W. Crocker that it has no jurisdiction to grant the petitions of the Bay State Street Railway company and the Massachusetts Northeastern Street Railway company, both for authority to increase their basic rate of fare from five to six cents, it became known today that the interstate commerce commission has decided that it has jurisdiction over both roads.

This decision of the interstate commission was reached some time ago, in connection with proceedings participated in by four western urban roads, and by the Bay State Street Railway company, the latter company being represented at that time by James E. Jackson, who now represents it before the public service commission and contends that the latter tribunal has authority to pass upon the fare increases.

In its decision, the commission said: "For some of the companies detailed figures are presented and tend to show that their interstate business and operations are of comparatively little importance. It is a fact, however, although but little note was taken of it in any of the briefs, that even those companies whose properties are physically intrastate have interstate connections and affiliations, and all of them have given evidence, by the filing of tariffs, etc., with the commission, that they are ready and willing to accept such interstate traffic as

may be offered within proper restrictions. The extent of participation in interstate traffic can not be looked upon as being very material if, as we should seem to be justified in assuming from all the circumstances, the companies here concerned are regularly engaged in the transportation of interstate traffic. Nor can the actual physical location of a railway line be accepted as the ruling consideration in the determination of the question whether or not it participates in interstate commerce, and in view of numerous rulings of the courts it does not seem to be open to question that traffic crossing a state line is interstate traffic, although in one particular case the highest court has held that certain traffic, although admittedly interstate, is not such as congress intended to make subject to this commission.

"It may be that the frictions of the various statutes relating to interstate commerce by railroad, under which this commission operates, were chiefly concerned with the steam railroads, but it could seem that the promotion of safety of interstate travel by electric lines and the prevention of such abuses as may arise in their operation and management are also matters of concern to congress, and unless it can be more clearly shown that there is something in the purpose of one or the other of the acts that would exclude electric lines, we must continue to hold, with the qualifications resulting from the decision in the case above referred to, that electric railways engaged in interstate transportation are subject to our jurisdiction."

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NEW HAVEN TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Edward D. Robbins, former general counsel for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, on trial with ten other former directors of the road for alleged criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, made a personal profit of nearly \$700,000 out of transactions which the government charges he engineered in behalf of the New Haven, according to testimony adduced at the trial today.

The testimony was given by Warren D. Chase, a Hartford attorney, who said he acted as Robbins' agent in the transactions.

BANK PRESIDENT TESTIFIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—There was no record on the books of the Billard Co., which would show that the stock of the Metropolitan Steamship company was ever sold to the late Gov. John F. Bill of Maine, according to testimony adduced by the government today at the trial of Edward D. Robbins and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

This stock it is alleged by the government, was transferred to the control of the Billard company by means of series of involved financial transactions engineered at the behest of Robbins, for the benefit of the New Haven and then sold to Gov. Hill.

The testimony was given by Samuel Hemingway, president of the Second National bank of New Haven, treasurer of the Billard Co. and brother of the defendant, James F. Hemingway. "If the books of the Billard Co.," asked James W. Osborne, for the government, "had been subjected to inspection by an officer of the government, could he not have found out, could he not, that the Metropolitan stock had been transferred to Gov. Hill?"

"Well, it might be shown by other

entries," said Hemingway. "Show me such an entry."

Hemingway examined the books of the company and conceded that they did contain such an entry.

Hemingway, whose recollection throughout his testimony yesterday and today was very poor, was asked whether he had not at one time received a gift of \$75,000 from the Billard Co.

"No, sir," said the witness.

"Well, from John L. Billard?"

The defense objected to the question and Judge Hunt said:

"He may answer as bearing upon the question of the weight that should be put upon his testimony."

"I got a personal gift of \$75,000 from John L. Billard in November, 1903."

Mr. Osborne then wanted to know if this money was not part of the \$350,000 compensation that John L. Billard got from the New Haven road for services in holding Boston & Maine railroad stock of the New Haven for a year.

"I couldn't say," was the answer.

"Do you know any reason why he should make you a gift of \$75,000?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Because it was in his heart," replied Hemingway.

The witness denied that it was he who brought Billard and Mellen together. His brother, he said, was a New Haven railroad director and Billard made the witness a director of the Boston & Maine. It was about the time the New Haven acquired the Boston & Maine that Billard gave the witness this \$75,000.

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TWO PORTLAND MEN
MURDERED BY YEGGSPoliceman and Station Agent Killed in
Pistol Battle With Two Men Who
Were Later Captured

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 15.—Charles McIntosh, a Portland policeman, and Ernest Winslow, station agent at the West Falmouth station of the Maine Central railroad, were killed this afternoon by yeggmen during a pistol duel at North Deering, on the outskirts of this city.

The West Falmouth station was broken open during the early morning and Agent Winslow started out on the trail of the burglars which led toward this city. He telephoned in for the assistance of the police and Patrolman McIntosh was sent out to North Deering to head off the men and join Winslow who reported that he was close behind them.

Winslow and McIntosh came into contact with the two men at a point

opposite 1518 Washington avenue, which is in the North Deering section of Portland. The fight occurred there when the yeggmen refused to surrender.

McIntosh was shot to death. A preliminary examination failed to show whether Winslow had been shot, but he had been terribly clubbed over the head.

The foreigners, according to the description given in the general alarm sent out by the police, are about 22 years of age and 5 feet seven or eight inches in height. Both were brown soft hats, one of which had a white band, brown overcoats and were quite well dressed.

It developed that Patrolman McIntosh was not killed immediately but was rushed to his home in an automobile

by Lester Thurlow and died after reaching there. McIntosh was said to have been the one who started the firing, which it is understood brought a prompt response from the foreigners.

A large number of the Portland police and the entire force of Sheriff William M. Pennell joined in the pursuit of the men.

Word was received that both men had been captured in the woods near the farm of Walter Hawkes, just east of Liverton park and a mile or two from the scene of the encounter. It was understood that there was shooting, but the first reports did not state whether anyone was injured.

One of the men was severely wounded before he was captured. Both were brought to the police station.

REPLY TO NOTE ON THE
ANCONA UNSATISFACTORYPres. Wilson and Sec. Lansing Reserve
Comment Until Official Text Arrives
—U. S. Will Not Enter Into Exchange
of Opinions—Excerpts are Regarded
Wholly Unsatisfactory, Unacceptable
and Disappointing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Austria's No Official Word

No official word has reached the state department today that the Austrian reply had been delivered to American Ambassador Penfield, but the news despatches containing excerpts, were taken in official quarters as sufficient evidence that the rejoinder is on its way to Washington.

From such part of the unofficial text as is contained in the news despatches officials considered the reply vague in many respects, but they were not prepared to decide whether that was caused by the translation.

The suggestion for an exchange of opinions, the virtual request for a bill of particulars of the American complaint against the action of the submarine commander and the proposal for a discussion of the facts were clearly set forth, however, in the unofficial

text and officials of the state department who have knowledge of its policy in the crisis unhesitatingly declared that all would be refused. It was made clear that the United States does not purpose to enter into a diplomatic discussion which would have possibilities of being prolonged almost indefinitely.

Outline Disappointing

The outline of the reply was disappointing because some American officials had been led to believe by predictions from Germanic quarters that it would be favorable, or at least would propose something which the United States could accept.

As Secretary Lansing based the representations in his note upon the official statement of the Austrian ad-

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BAN JOHNSON TALKS WATER FOR SO. LOWELL

SAYS PEACE PLAN UNDER CON-
SIDERATION IS PRACTICAL—CAN-
NOT DISCUSS TERMS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—President Johnson of the American league, who left today with the peace committee of the American league for the New York meeting which may bring peace to the warring baseball clubs, had a hopeful view of the situation as he boarded the train.

"The peace plan under consideration is practical," he said, "and it differs considerably from plans which have been discussed in public. I cannot discuss the specific terms."

WATER DEPT. BUSY LAYING PIPE AT EXPENSE OF UNITED STATES CARTRIDGE COMPANY

The pipe to furnish better water and fire service to the United States Cartridge company's plant in South Lowell is being laid by the water department. About thirty men from that department are on the job which is being pushed through as rapidly as possible. The Cartridge company will pay for all of the work. The first idea was to lay eight inch pipe, but for some reason, unknown to the water department, three sizes of pipe are to be laid, beginning with the 8-inch and ending with a 4-inch with a 6-inch

TOOK PIN FROM LUNG

DELICATE OPERATION SUCCESS-
FULLY PERFORMED AT BROCK-
TON HOSPITAL

BROCKTON, Dec. 14.—An unusual and delicate operation was successfully performed today at the Brockton hospital when surgeons removed a pin from the left lung of Leo Guertin, five years old. The boy will recover.

While holding a glass, he added, pin more than an inch long in his mouth, the boy coughed. The pin passed through the larynx and X-ray examination showed it lodged in the lung. A bronchoscope was passed through the larynx into the bronchial tube and into the lung. A smaller tube, with electric bulb at the end, was inserted through a supplementary tube. Forceps, inserted through the main tube of the bronchoscope grasped the pin and drew it out.

MANCHESTER YOUTH PUT
GUN TO CLERK'S HEADBold Attempt at Robbery in Mar-
ket Street—Jesse James Argu-
ment Leads to Blows

A bold robbery was attempted late yesterday afternoon in a small store at 424 Market street conducted by J. Houps, when Aine Lapage, aged 15 years, of Manchester, N. H., walked into the store and approaching one of the clerks, flashed a revolver and or-

dered him to turn over the contents of the cash drawer or his life would not be worth a cent. The clerk faced the leader bravely, however, and knocking the alleged robber to the floor took the weapon from his hands. Continued to page nine

KIDNAPPED GIRLS SEEN

Police of Fitchburg Saw Them
With Man—Warrant Out for
D. G. Gilson, Suspected

A warrant was issued in the local police court this forenoon for the arrest of David G. Gilson, aged 70 years and a veteran of the Civil war, charged with kidnapping the two James children, Effie, aged 11 years, and Vivian, aged nine years, who lived with their mother at 30 Wilson street.

The warrant was issued on a complaint of Deputy Supt. Hugh Downey. The first trace of the James children since their mysterious disappearance from the vicinity of the Lincoln school last Friday afternoon was found today.

Supt. Welch received a telephone message from the chief of the Fitchburg department informing him that Gilson, who is well known in that city, was seen boarding a train for North Adams at the Fitchburg railroad station at 7:35 o'clock Saturday night, the day after the children were missed. Gilson, who was accompanied to Fitchburg by two small children, is supposed to have arrived on a train from Boston. Inquiries made by the Fitchburg police resulted in the information that the old man purchased 30 cents worth of candy at the station and handed it to the children. In conversation with a railroad man, he is said to have stated that the two girls were his grandchildren and he was taking them away from their mother because she had abused them. The North Adams police were communicated with and requested to make a search for the man.

The Sun also learned today that the mother of the children whose name has been given out as Mrs. Alice James was married for the second time on January 2, 1912, to one Henry H. Johnson, whose whereabouts at this time is not known. Mrs. James then gave her age as 32 years and Johnson said he was 24. She was then the mother of four children. Subsequently the Social Service league was interested in the family.

Besides the two children alleged to have been kidnapped, Mrs. Johnson, or James, may have two younger children at home. Another daughter, Catherine, aged 14 years does not live at home. The mother has always been known by relatives and neighbors to have been devoted to her children and has worked continually for their welfare.

The developments in the case today include the fact that Gilson contemplated buying a horse and buggy last week. He is said to have called at the stable of John T. Donlan, Franklin street, on Thursday last with the intention of buying a team. He was given an outfit for trial and reported a short time afterward that everything was satisfactory and he would be around the following day, Friday, to take the team and pay the bill. He had a little girl with him at the time, it is said.

In conversation with Mr. Donlan, he said that it was his intention to work his way to Florida, driving a short distance each day, and selling poems on the way, the occupation that he followed in this city.

Gilson did not return for the team Friday, but was met at the Middlesex street station by Mr. Donlan, Franklin street, who said that he had decided not to buy the outfit as the children who were to accompany him on the journey had agreed that the riding would be too cold.

The fact that a man answering Gilson's description had examined road maps of Virginia and other states, Murphy's ticket agency leads the police to believe that he had intended to carry out these plans but for the cold weather. The same man is said to have called at Leeds' ticket office and inquired the price of tickets to Fitzgerald, Florida. It is not believed that he sailed, however.

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APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSORS TO

ROY-ED AND VON PAFEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the light of reliable information received here today, it is regarded as doubtful whether the successors of Captains Roy-Ed and von Pafen, withdrawn German naval and military attaches, will be appointed by Emperor William until the end of the war.

WAS BURNED TO DEATH

EXPLOSION OF KEROSENE LAMP

ALSO CAUSED DESTRUCTION OF

HOUSE AND BARN

MOUNT VERNON, N. H., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, 54 years of age, was burned to death today by an explosion of a kerosene lamp which she knocked from a bureau while dressing. The woman was in flames and beyond all help when discovered by her niece. The house and barn were destroyed by the flames.

DEATHS

DORRITY—Mrs. Ann Dorrierty died today at her home, 169 Appleton street. The remains were removed to the funeral parlors of Undertaker J. H. McDermott.

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Rich, cut glass, in sets of 7 pieces, one large 3-pint jug with 6 tumblers to match. Special at \$2.95.

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TABLE
YOU WILL FIND

Chocolate Pots—Salad Bowls—Berry Bowls—Vases of various styles—Mayonnaise Sets—Mustards—Cracker Jars—Spoon Trays—Covered Bon-Bons—Handled Bon-Bons—Covered Hair Boxes—Covered Puff Boxes—Etc., Etc. Values up to \$1.00.

ON THE

98c

TABLE
YOU WILL FIND

Manicure Sets—Japanese Vases—Chocolate Pots—Berry Bowls—Mayonnaise Sets—Sardine Holders—Tobacco Jars—Candlesticks—Celery Sets—Dresser Sets—Manicure Sets—Jelly Sets—Cracker Jar—Etc., Etc. Actual \$1.50 and \$2.00 Values.

SIR JOHN FRENCH OUSTED

General Sir Douglas Haig Made Commander-in-Chief of British Army in France

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Gen. Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French in command of the British armies in France and Flanders.

Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, 54 years old, began his military career with the Seventh Hussars in 1885 and served in the Sudan and South African campaigns, in both of which he won distinguished honors and promotions. At the outbreak of the present war, he was general officer commanding at Aldershot and afterward was made commander of the first army.

Landed by His Superior
Several times during the present war Gen. Haig has come in for high praise in the despatches of the general whom he is now succeeding. At the battle of the Aisne his conduct was described by Field Marshal Sir John French as "bold, skilful and decisive." In November of last year Sir Douglas, then a lieutenant general, was promoted to the rank of general for distinguished service in the field.

Field Marshal French, in his despatch to the British war office describing the famous retreat from Mons,

credited Sir Douglas with having executed his corps from a difficult position at Landreies.

Conducted Skilful Retreat

"I sent urgent messages to the commander of the two French reserve divisions on my right to come up to the assistance of the First Corps, which they eventually did," said the field marshal's despatch. "Partly owing to this assistance, but mainly to the skilful manner in which Sir Douglas Haig extricated his corps from an exceptionally difficult position in the darkness of the night, they were able to dawn to resume their march south toward Wassy on Guise."

Gen. Haig is a Scotchman. He won his first honor under Gen. Kitchener in the Sudan, where he was promoted to a brevet major on the field for gallantry at Atbara and before Khartoum. The change had been expected for some time and it was announced in the house of commons yesterday that a statement would be published immediately.

Appointment No Surprise
Sir John French becomes commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom and for his 15 years' services at the front has been created viscount of the United Kingdom.

Although many names had been mentioned as the possible successor of Field Marshal French, including that of the Duke of Connaught, the appointment, it is said, was anticipated in the best-informed circles.

Field Marshal Sir John French had been in charge of the British forces on the continent since the outbreak of the war. He is one of the best known of British soldiers and always has had the reputation of being a skilful and dashing leader of men.

Sir John was born in 1852. He served four years in the navy, but not liking the sea, he joined the militia and through it entered the army. He has seen wide service.

During the famous Ulster movement in March of 1914, Field Marshal French, then chief of staff of the British army, resigned his commission. He was one of the signatories of the memorandum of the signatories of the memorandum to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight the Ulster unionists, and regarding the repudiation of the document by the government as a slight on himself, he resigned.

Sir Douglas Haig then became chief of staff, but at the outbreak of the war Field Marshal French was appointed to command the expeditionary army.

He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general in 1914, and to that of general in 1915.

DEATH WINS THE RACE

WALTHAM WOMAN COMING FROM CALIFORNIA TO DIE AT HOME

SECCOMBED ON TRAIN

WALTHAM, Dec. 16.—Because the train on which she made the last lap of her 3000-mile race against death was late in arriving in Waltham, Mrs. Marian C. Mosher, well known in Waltham society, lost her fight to die in her own home, passing away on the train shortly before its arrival here yesterday.

As the train drew into the depot the people gathered there witnessed a sad spectacle. The first to alight was the lady's mother, then followed her little daughter. The father came next, bearing the dead daughter in his arms.

Every passenger was taken to save the young woman's life on her trip home from California, where she had been trying to recover health. A trained nurse was engaged in Nebraska, and her services were kept to the end of the journey. Mr. Clark joined the party in Chicago.

When it became known that she could not recover, Mrs. Mosher expressed a desire to come home to die. The start was made and every precaution taken, but when the father joined her it was seen that if any delay occurred her death might be lost.

Monday night a severe storm delayed the train, and throughout the day Tuesday every effort was made to get back to schedule. As they were within ten miles of home, Mrs. Mosher passed away. Had the train been on time she would have spent several hours at home before the end came.

Mrs. Mosher was graduated from the Waltham high school in 1908, her husband, Harry Mosher being a member of the same class. Their marriage took place before graduation, the couple eloping to Providence. She was 25 years old at the time of her death. While in high school she was very popular, being vice president of her class and taking an important part in theatricals there.

At last evening's meeting of Court City of Lowell, Foresters of America, held in Odd Fellows hall the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Henry J. McEvoy; sub-chief ranger, Michael Sullivan; treasurer, Thomas E. O'Day; financial secretary, Patrick McGilly; recording secretary, George B. McKenna; senior woodward, Charles Richards; junior woodward, Daniel McGiever; senior head, Eugene P. Sullivan; junior head, Michael Gilligan; recorder, Philip Ginty; physician, Dr. Harold B. Plunkett. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Industry Council, R.A.
A well attended meeting of Industry Council, Royal Arcanum, was held last evening in its regular quarters with Regent Harvey J. Chase in the chair. Committee reports were heard and routine business was transacted. The whist committee reported the schedule of games to be played between the Lowell councils. Remarks were made by Dr. Hugh Walker, John McKinley, A. E. Rountrie and Charles E. O'Donnell.

Division S, A.O.H.
At this week's meeting of Division S, A.O.H., seven applications for membership were received and four acted upon. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Michael Wrenn; vice president, Edward J. Flannery; financial secretary, Thomas Darcy; recording secretary, Patrick F. Sheridan; treasurer, Nicholas Soraghan; physician, Dr. James M. Loughran; sick committee, Thomas Larkin, Hugh McGowan and Frank G. Bourke; standing committee, John Barrett, Patrick Heslin, John J. Mulligan, John Donlon and Michael Gorman; door-keeper, John McGarry; sergeant-at-arms, Michael Scanlon.

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If you feel that tired, worn-out feeling, backache, neuralgia, or if your sleep is disturbed by two frequent urination, go to your best drug store and ask for Doctor Pierce's Anuric Tablets.

Doctor Pierce's reputation is back of this medicine and you know that his "Pleasant Pellets" for the liver and his "Favorite Prescription" for the kidneys of women have had a splendid reputation for the past fifty years.—Adv.

SNOWED UNDER BY RECRUITS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—In the house of lords yesterday the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, when questioned regarding the results of his recruiting campaign, declined to give any figures in advance of Premier Asquith's statement, which will be made public next week.

The earl declared, however, that "we were absolutely snowed under" with recruits last week and that the gross total of enrollments was very large. He added that it would be impossible to call up the married men until the country was absolutely convinced that single men had come forward to enlist to such an extent as to leave only a negligible quantity unaccounted for.

"We must keep faith to the pledge we gave the country," he said. "Nobody can yet say whether or not the single men have come forward in sufficient numbers. That will be known Tuesday."

Linen Shower
A delightful linen shower was tendered Mrs. Lillian C. Mone by forty of her friends at the home of Miss Daisy Gagnon, of Branch street. Miss Mone is soon to become the bride of Mr. John J. Foley, manager of the Fenway Cafe. During the evening the following program was carried out: Piano solo, Miss Leona Laflaur; solo, "Monteray," Miss Madeline Cahill; "Floating Down the Green River," Miss Dolly Mone; piano solo, Miss Katherine Mulligan. A buffet lunch was served. The matrons were Miss Laura Hamilton, Miss Eva Gagnon, Miss Mollie Mulvey, Miss Annie Mone was accompanist of the evening. A lucky cake was made by Mrs. Hamilton, the ring being won by Miss Leona Laflaur. The party broke up wishing Miss Mone many happy years of married life.

A DOUBLE ELOPEMENT

TWO YOUNG COUPLES FROM GREATER BOSTON WENT TO MONTPELLIER, VT., TO BE MARRIED

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A despatch from Montpelier, Vt., last night tells of a double wedding in that city yesterday of four young people living in Greater Boston, who apparently eloped to escape waiting five days for marriage licenses. The names of the contracting parties are given as Roland Hall, aged 27, of 11 March street, Salem, and Madeline Mildred McIntyre, a widow, aged 30, 125 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury; Norman T. Gregory, aged 21, of 5 Hancock street, Beverly, and Isabelle M. Brown, aged 19, of 125 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury.

The quartet arrived in Montpelier about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning and went immediately to city hall where they obtained marriage licenses and were married at a double ceremony by City Clerk L. C. Meedy. It is said that the mother of young Gregory objected to his marriage because he was too young.

It was stated in this city last night that Mrs. Hall had been a widow since last April and has a son about 7. A sister of the Brown girl said Mrs. McIntyre had occupied half of the apartment with herself and sister for the past few months and she believed the four had been acquainted about four months.

Miss Brown said her sister Isabelle was only 18. Monday relatives of the Brown girl and Norman T. Gregory, now her husband, got word they were to be married and Le Roy H. Gregory of Charlestown, a brother of the bridegroom, motored to Beverly, where the four were found. He is said to have tried without success to have his brother wait a while before marrying.

The couples stopped at Nashua Tuesday. It is said to get married, but they would have to wait five days. Mr. Hall said they wanted to keep the wedding secret until Christmas in order to give their relative a surprise.

The success of the Hotel Martinique is the personality back of it, which shows in the lobby, at the desk, in the restaurants and in the rooms.

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CITY LIGHTING DISCUSSED TO IMPROVE FIRE DRILLS

Hearing Before Municipal Council —New York Man Makes Start- ling Statements on Cost

The hearing given the Public Service Co. of New York by the municipal council yesterday afternoon was a spirited one. It was held in the aldermanic chamber at city hall. Raymond Monand, engineer for the New York company, and F. E. Dunbar, counsel for the Lowell Gas Light company, indulged in rather hot exchanges during the course of the hearing and there was insinuation and innuendo galore. Mr. Monand contended that the street gas lighting in Lowell nets the contractor 100 per cent, while Mr. Dunbar averred that the Lowell Gas Light company was selling the city gas at a loss rather than a profit. He pointed out, too, that the rate here is lower than in any city in New England. Mr. Monand said that his appearance in Lowell ten years ago was responsible for the reduction in the cost of street gas lighting; a reduction representing \$3.25 per gas lamp. Mr. Dunbar said that Mr. Monand was arrogating too much credit to himself, adding that that gentleman's presence in Lowell ten years ago was not responsible for the reduction in the gas light contract, but that the reduction was due to the sharp opposition and competition of the Lowell Electric Light corporation.

The hearing lasted from 3.30 until about 6 o'clock. The real business portion of the hearing had to do with the bids for street lighting. The great amount of talk indulged in did not amount to much when it came to a show down. The Public Service company of New York wants to bid on the contract for gas lights in the public streets and Mr. Monand was assured that his company would be given that opportunity. D. J. Donahue is counsel for the New York company and Mr. Donahue and Mr. Dunbar also indulged in repartee that was more or less illuminating.

The contract for the street gas lighting expired in November and the lights will continue under the old contract until the new contract is made.

Mr. Monand said that if given the contract it would be impossible for his company to install lamp posts until the frost is out of the ground. He contended that the city of Lowell should own all of the metal posts for gas lamps.

After the battle of words had gone along at considerable length, the mayor suggested that it was about time to get down to business. "All the Lowell Gas Light company does," said Mr. Dunbar, "is to sell its gas and it endeavors in every way to live up to its contract. The city of Lowell pays less for its gas for street lighting than any other city in Massachusetts. That's the co-operation the Lowell Gas Light company maintains with the city."

Mayor Murphy quoted the price per gas lamp in various Massachusetts cities, and said that the figures showed Lowell to be paying less than any other city.

Mr. Monand said that the low figure here is due to the competition of 1905. When there is competition elsewhere then the price will come down.

"I would never agree to a contract where lamp-lighters would be paid a dollar a day. More than that is paid here under present conditions," said the mayor.

"That's a minor point," said Mr. Monand. "We would pay the current price."

Mr. Donahue said the Public Service Lighting corporation is ready to submit a sealed bid to do the lighting. It asks that privilege and will give a bond, and the municipal council may designate the surety company. He would deem it his duty to see that the city is fully protected.

"I got the impression," said the mayor, "that your company is lighting the city of Washington at \$15 a lamp."

"No, that is the price, but the Washington City Gas Co. is doing the lighting and that is a subsidiary of the United Independent Gas company. Where the city furnishes the posts the price is \$16.75 per post," said Mr. Monand.

"How is that, Mr. Dunbar?" asked the mayor.

"Well, conditions in Washington are probably very different, as, for instance, the cost of coal," said Mr. Dunbar. "How many lamps are there in Washington?"

"About 10,000," said Mr. Monand.

"That fact—the large number—might make a considerable difference in the price," said Mr. Dunbar.

"In 1905 the reduction of price was due to a very determined opposition offered the Gas Light Co. by the Lowell Electric Light Corporation, and our books show that the Lowell Gas Light Co. has operated the street lights at a loss."

Mr. Brown of the Welshbach Co. said that the actual cost per lamp for labor alone is double the figure quoted by Mr. Monand.

"Our keeping up of the system here necessitates the hiring of a superintendent," he said. "We have paid some of the older men by the hour, and we have kept men on the payroll who have been city employees for many years. But we pay no such a low figure as Mr. Monand quotes. The price here and the price paid elsewhere are due to local conditions entirely."

"I have never been in any of those other cities, and know nothing about them, at all," stated Mr. Monand. "I have confined myself almost wholly to the big cities."

"Why don't you tell what your financial condition is?" asked Mr. Dunbar.

"Isn't a good bond a declaration of the financial condition of a company?" said Mr. Donahue.

Mayor Murphy said that whoever gets the contract the Lowell Gas Light Co. will sell its gas.

"We don't want to have the care of these lamps in the hands of those whom we do not consider responsible," said Mr. Dunbar. "We think we have found the proper company, which is our servant. If some other kind got it, we would be in a warfare with the city all of the time."

"This matter has been discussed the whole afternoon, pro and con," said Mr. Morse.

"Mostly con," interjected the mayor. Continuing, Mr. Morse said: "If the

Deputy Neal's Suggestions to Avoid Another Peabody Hol- ocaust

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Incomplete fire drill instruction was responsible for the loss of the lives of 15 little girls in the fire which destroyed St. John's parochial school in Peabody, Oct. 23, according to the report of Acting Chief George C. Neal of the state police.

Deputy Neal declared that had the children in the Peabody school been properly drilled, all would probably have escaped.

Improve Fire Drills
The Peabody disaster, he said, makes it clear that fire drills must be something more than the rapid and orderly dismissal of children from a school building.

The cause of the fire could not be discovered, Deputy Neal says, that while the school complied with the law so far as fire escapes are concerned, it now appears that it should have been provided with additional exits.

The trouble was that in fire drills the girls were directed to leave the building a certain way and the boys another. The lines were well maintained and orderly until they got to the first floor. Then, unhappily, the regular line of march of the girls led directly into the fire. He urged instead of regular paths of exit that the direction of the school lines be guided by the location of the fire.

He found that the sisters in charge of the children were devoted to their charges and made every effort to get them out of the building safely.

Deputy Neal's Suggestions
Deputy Neal offered the following 16 suggestions for precautionary measures against a repetition of such fires as that at Peabody:

1.—There should be installed in the

basement of every school building of more than one story an automatic wet or dry sprinkling system.

2.—Nothing but metal receptacles should be used for rubbish, which should be disposed of daily when there is much of it.

3.—All closets should be of metal and no closet nor any rubbish should be allowed under a stairway.

4.—All stairways should be enclosed on each floor with non-combustible material, or wood covered with metal, with self-closing standard fire doors, which should not be fastened back during school sessions.

5.—All wood partitions in corridors should be covered with metal sheeting and doors on the line of march to the exit should be of metal or wood covered with metal.

6.—All wood partitions in basements should be covered with metal sheeting.

7.—Heaters in basements should be enclosed in fireproof partitions with metal or self-closing standard fire doors opening into the corridor or basement and to the outside air.

8.—Gongs with arrangements for signals, announcing the locality of a fire should be installed on every floor.

9.—There should be a connection with the public fire alarm station.

10.—An automobile fire alarm should be installed in the basement of each school building.

11.—The janitor or fireman should be present in the building during the school session and visit once in every 30 minutes the parts of the building where a fire might be expected.

12.—Oil of any kind should be forbidden for use on wood floors.

13.—Stairs should terminate, if practicable, at or near the outside exits.

14.—The school should have fire drills as part of a system to leave the building in case of fire in the quickest, most orderly and safest way. If there are not enough teachers for the purpose, some of the older children should be designated to look after the smaller ones and see that they stay in line; others to see that the ways to the exits are clear; others, after the gong for drills sounds, to quickly reach the exits and see that the doors protecting them are wide open, and if the fire is in the basement and the doors are open thereto, to close them.

15.—Individual assignments should be made to assist the person directing the drills to locate the fire and ascertain its extent and advance, so that information may quickly be secured to intelligently direct the children how and where to make their exit from the building.

16.—In a drill there should be included an imaginary fire in some part of the building, so as to learn the best thing to do if a real fire should occur.

This should continue from time to time until all parts of a building where a fire might be expected to start have been covered.

REV. JOHN DEGAN
Greeted by Parish on
Fifth Anniversary of
His Pastorate

The members of the Tabernacle society of St. Columba's parish tendered a testimonial last evening to Rev. John A. Degán, in honor of his fifth anniversary as pastor of the church. The affair was held in the parish hall and was attended by members of the so-

ciety, with Fr. Degán, his sister, Miss Degán, Fr. Buckley and Fr. Walsh of Reading as guests.

The feature of the evening was the presentation of a large ebony cross on an ivory base, an imported design, of which there are but few specimens in this country, to Fr. Degán, the address being made by Miss Marie H. Sullivan, president of the society. The clergyman was completely surprised and responded in his usual pleasing manner.

A beautiful souvenir book was presented to all who attended. On the cover was a large half-tone cut of Fr. Degán, while on the inside pages an address of greeting and the musical tributes were inscribed. The address said:

"The members of the Tabernacle society gather together this evening to offer to you, our beloved pastor, Fr. Degán, congratulations on the completion of your fifth year as pastor and shepherd of the flock of St. Columba's church, Lowell, and to express to you our heartfelt appreciation of all that these five years mean to us."

"From the memorable day in December, nineteen hundred ten, when His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, expressed to you his desire of founding a parish in our midst, and you first came among us, to this happy day in December, nineteen hundred fifteen, you have been

citizens can get gas at a lower rate I think we ought to give it to them."

"That's true," said Mr. Dunbar, "and it should be done if it can be done."

"Well, go through the business motions, then," continued Mr. Monand. "Talking will never do it. There are over 400 lamp posts to be installed and they will cost \$10 apiece. They must be installed, and that can't be done until the frost is out of the ground. We would have to wait until they are made."

"Why," said Mr. Dunbar, "there are thousands of posts in the warehouses of the country. Why don't you buy them?"

"This is one of the few cities which does not own all its own lamp posts," said Mr. Monand. "We can put in the posts, and have them paid for by the city, and light lamps—all at a lower figure per lamp than the city now pays for the lighting."

"We will supply the gas," said Mr. Dunbar, "and the city may take the risk in having the city lighted—but we don't wish to take it."

Mr. Brown of the Welshbach Co. said that it had been made a part of the contract that his company shall furnish all the new posts which have gone in. The same is true in Brookline, Pawtucket and Cambridge.

The city owns all of its own posts. The matter comes up to cities where it is believed that at some time the street lighting will be all by electricity, he felt. For a city to own all its own posts, Mr. Brown considered it to be a poor investment, as the contract for gas lighting is liable to terminate at any time.

Mr. Morse said that where electric lights take the places of gas lamps, the gas posts are usually placed in other spots.

Mr. Monand again asked the right to bid, under sealed proposals, and he asked that the 30-day clause be eliminated, to allow a new company sufficient time to install its posts.

"Do you mean that the contract with us shall continue until spring?" asked Mr. Dunbar.

"It is the custom all over the country to have such a thing continue. The Welshbach Co. wouldn't dare to cease the operation of the lights," said Mr. Monand.

"We have faith that the council will treat us honorably," said Mr. Dunbar.

Mr. Brown said that the Welshbach Co. owns all of the service from the gas mains to the posts—44 in number.

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to all of us the guiding star that has ever led us onward and upward.

"Our memory travels backward tonight over the events that have fashioned our little parish—the first assembly of the Catholic people of Pawtucketville, called for the pleasure of meeting you for the first time, where your kind words and jovial manner won the hearts of all those present; the never-to-be-forgotten days of Sunday mass at the Moody street club-house, where finally 'ridings of great joy' were announced to us in the news of the church's permanent location."

A varied literary and musical program was enjoyed and among these taking part were Rev. John A. Degán, Rev. Thomas Buckley, Miss Gertrude Buckley, Joseph Marshall, Miss Marshall, and several others.

Readings by Miss Marvey were well received. Refreshments were also served, bringing the affair to a close with the singing of Cardinal O'Connell's hymn to the Holy Name.

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Grand Two-Day Opening

FRANK RICARD'S Uptown Gift Shop

Tomorrow and Saturday we celebrate the opening of our newly enlarged jewelry store. You are cordially invited to visit here on either or both of the next two days. Inspect our large stock of appropriate, up-to-date Christmas goods. You will get many valuable suggestions by looking over our well arranged stock, each line of which has its own department. As our store occupies exactly 3295 square feet of floor space there is plenty of room, no crowding or jamming or pushing. Courteous clerks will attend you.

To celebrate this occasion in a way which you will always remember as being profitable to you, all can purchase Christmas gifts at our store (which by the way is out of the high rent district) tomorrow and Saturday at specially reduced prices. A few of these bargains are mentioned here:

20-Year Gold Filled Bracelet Watches; regular \$20 value. Opening price \$10
Sterling Cigarette Cases; regular \$11 value. Opening price...\$8.00
Sterling Silver Rosaries; regular \$8 value. Opening price.....\$6.50
Cameo Rings, now more popular than ever; regular \$6.50 to \$15 values. Opening prices \$5 to \$13.50
Solid 14 k. Neck Beads; regular \$12 to \$20 values. Opening prices \$10.50 to \$18.50

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DEBRIS TO BE SEARCHED

Tramp May Have Caused Blaze Which Destroyed Barn and Livestock in Southbridge—Loss \$3500

SOUTHBRIDGE, Dec. 15.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a barn owned by Eusebe Laillbert two miles from Southbridge Centre yesterday afternoon, together with five horses, four cows, one pig, 25 tons of hay and 15 cents of wood. The loss is estimated at \$3500, partially insured.

No fire apparatus was able to reach the burning building because of snow and ice.

The fire was discovered shortly before 3 o'clock. So far as known no one had been in the barn since noon. It is possible that a tramp asleep in a hay loft may have caused the blaze, and the debris will be looked over today to see if there is a charred human body in the remains.

HON. J. J. ROGERS KILLED ON R.R. CROSSING

TWO YOUNG WOMEN AND MAN HURLED TO DEATH WHEN TRAIN STRUCK WAGON

DAYVILLE, Conn., Dec. 15.—Ell Briere, aged 57, a well-known Abington farmer, his daughter, Rose, 30, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fred Briere, aged 22, were instantly killed here last night when their team was struck by a locomotive on the Norwich & Worcester branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

The accident occurred at an unprotected grade crossing in the center of the village. Mrs. Briere had been married only two months.

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SUDDEN DEATH NO FAST TRAINS

Mrs. Camille Desmarais
Victim of Heart Dis-
ease—Died at Home

The many friends of Mrs. Camille Desmarais of 30 Lilly avenue, will be grieved to learn of her death, which occurred suddenly late yesterday afternoon, death being due to heart disease.

Mrs. Desmarais seemed to be enjoying the best of health yesterday. In the afternoon she went out and returning shortly before 5 o'clock, she sat down and complained of being tired. A minute later she dropped to the floor. The family physician was summoned in time, but when he arrived he found that the woman had passed away.

Medical Examiner Nicks later viewed the body and signed the death certificate "heart disease." Deceased is survived by her husband, who has been critically ill for the past few months and whose recovery is doubtful. She also leaves two daughters, Mrs. S. Mc-Lilly and Mrs. Homer Lho, as well as a son, Auguste. Mrs. Desmarais was a member of several societies of St. Louis parish and had always been very active in church work. The news of her death will be a keen shock to her many friends and acquaintances.

PASTOR QUILTS PEACE PARTY

New Bedford Minister Writes He Believes in Preparedness, and a Larger Army and Navy

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 16.—Rev. William B. Geohagan, pastor of the Unitarian church in this city, has resigned from the New Bedford Peace society and requested that his name be dropped from the list of officers.

His letter to Miss Helen H. Seabury, secretary of the society, states: "I am a lover of peace and I believe that society is moving steadily toward a state of assured tranquility, but I do not find myself in accord with the spirit of the New Bedford Peace society, and I feel it to be my duty to do all I can to forward the movement in favor of a larger army and strong navy. The misleading statements the advocates of peace have made in our city are in my judgment much to be regretted. I therefore beg that you will drop my name from the list of members of the society."

Dr. George W. Nasmyth of Cambridge spoke at the annual meeting of the society this week. Mr. Geohagan says his action in sending his resignation was prompted by speakers who have recently appeared here under the auspices of the local society.

Expresses Not Yet Running From New York to Boston

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Bay State, Knickerbocker and Merchants Limited will not be run between New York and Boston by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, it was announced by Edward G. Riggs, executive assistant.

Mr. Riggs said that telegraph and signal wires damaged by the storm early in the week had not yet been completely repaired, and while it is safe to operate locals or slow trains under the circumstances it would be far from safe to undertake the operation of fast express trains until all necessary repairs have been made.

The New York Central announced that adverse conditions caused by the storm have been materially improved and all trains are leaving here on scheduled time. Arrivals are in most cases on time and freight is again being moved over the lines between here and Albany where the conditions were the worst.

LOYAL ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of Greenhedge council 106, Loyal association, was held at their rooms, Highland hall, Tuesday evening.

The following officers were elected for the next term: Councilor, Ira M. Boothby; vice councilor, Edward I. White; past councilor, Arthur D. Gilbert; treasurer, George E. King; recorder, F. X. A. Hurtubise; chaplain, Leon W. Sidebottom; orator, Edward E. Stanley; marshal, George O. F. French.

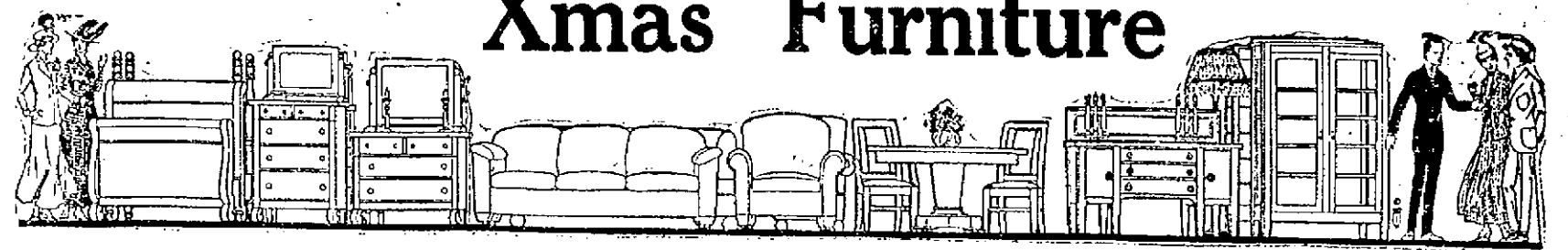
The initiation degree work was performed by Representative to the supreme council, John S. Chandler, of Boston. Other initiations will be held in January and February.

After the business of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, including lunch and games, etc.

REPUBLICANS BLAME TARIFF
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Republicans on the house ways and means committee in a minority report today deny that the emergency revenue law is necessary because of war conditions, and assert, instead, that the treasury deficit is due mainly to tariff reductions under the Underwood law.

BIG CONTRACT WITH BRITISH
SHARON, Pa., Dec. 16.—The Briggs-Scabery Ordnance Co. It was announced today, has closed a contract with the British government for 10,000 aeroplane guns and another contract has been closed for 500 cannon and a large number of 8-inch high explosive shells.

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WINDSOR CHAIRS, Solid Mahogany.....	\$6.75 to \$8.00	TABLE BOOK RACKS.....	\$1.25 to \$3.00	WICKER LAMP SHADES.....	\$2.50 to \$3.00
MORRIS CHAIRS.....	\$8.00 to \$14.00	MAGAZINE RACKS.....	\$2.50 to \$4.50	CLOTH SHADES.....	\$3.00
LADIES' DESKS.....	\$10.00 to \$20.00	MUFFIN STANDS.....	\$3.50 to \$7.50	WICKER CHAIRS.....	\$5.50 to \$29.00
LADIES' DESK TABLES.....	\$12.50 to \$15.00	TABOURETTES.....	\$2.25 to \$4.00	GOLD LEAF CHAIRS.....	\$8.50 to \$13.00
COLONIAL CHAIRS, Reproduction.....	\$8.75 to \$12.75	FOOT RESTS.....	59c to \$7.50	WICKER FIREPLACE BASKETS.....	\$2.00 to \$3.00

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CLAMS IN THE SHELL, qt. 17c

OYSTERS—Fresh Opened, pt. 17c

OYSTERS IN THE SHELL, dozen 10c

SALT MACKEREL, each 5c

SALT SALMON, lb. 12c

THICK SALT FISH—10c Drib 7c

THREADS OF FISH—Package 4c

SALT HERRING 3 Fish 10c

BONELESS SMOKED HERRING, lb. 13c

SARDINES IN OIL 8 Cans 25c

CRAB MEAT—Big Can 29c

BARATARIA SUPRIP—Can 9c

TUNA FISH—Can 13c

LOBSTER—Can 25c

FREE DELIVERY

TO HELP FINANCE WAR CAPT. CONDON DEAD

LONDON PAPER SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MR. McKENNA'S PLAN

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The question of whether brokers would be paid a commission for the sale of American securities under the plan of Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer for the mobilization of such securities rather by surprise, the point not having been considered beforehand at all, according to the financial column of the Times. Its importance, however, is fully recognized now that it has been brought to notice, and it is stated that some arrangement will be made to meet the case.

The finance expert of the Morning Post suggests that the government might take advantage of Mr. McKenna's plan, to help finance the war. The writer proposes that the five per cent. exchequer bonds needed to acquire the American securities might be created by an issue to the public, with the intimation that subscribers could pay for them either in cash or approved American or Canadian securities. In this way, he says, the issue would serve the double purpose of obtaining securities and cash for war purposes, which would stay off the necessity of issuing a fresh loan that would probably have to be issued on a 5 per cent. basis, giving holders of the previous 4-1/2 per cent. loan the right of conversion into the new loan. The holders of the previous war loans would have no right of conversion in case the issue were in short-term exchequer bonds.

FREIGHT IS TIED UP

THOUSANDS OF CARS CLOGGED TRACKS OF 17 RAILROADS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Thousands of freight cars loaded with all kinds of merchandise today clogged the tracks of 17 railroads entering Chicago pending settlement of the strike of 600 switchmen, firemen and engineers on the Belt railway of Chicago.

G. W. W. Hanger of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, continued his conferences with the strikers and railway officials in an effort to adjust the controversy.

The men demand that special trains be run to carry them to and from work.

FOR AND AGAINST SUFFRAGE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Woman suffragists and anti-suffragists were heard today by congressional committees.

A delegation from the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage urged passage of the Susan B. Anthony federal suffrage amendment before the senate suffrage committee and later before the house judiciary committee as did the National Woman Suffrage association in session here. The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage also appeared before the house committee.

Nomination of officers was the principal business on today's program of the suffrage convention. Interest centered in the selection of a successor to Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the retiring president.

WARNING TO ITALY
MILAN, Dec. 16, via Paris.—The Secolo asserts the British government has warned Italy that German emissaries have left the United States ports with the purpose of committing acts of violence in Italy, particularly against merchant shipping. In this connection the Secolo calls attention to recent fires on a steamship at Naples and on the docks at Genoa.

WORLD'S RECORD CLAIM HORSE OVERDRIVEN

NASHUA POLICE ARREST MEN IN CHARGE OF LOWELL SALVATION ARMY TEAM FOR CRUELTY

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 16.—George Shaw of Lowell and John Moran of Providence were arrested yesterday by Inspector Walter E. Dean at Nashua union station on charge of cruelty to animals and released on bail.

They had been coming from Lowell every week with a wagon belonging to the Salvation Army to collect second-hand articles.

They arrived Tuesday, left their rig over night, and when they came back for it yesterday were arrested. The complaint was brought by Mrs. George H. Kendall, president of the New Hampshire Woman's Humane society, and alleges that the horse was overdriven.

City Marshal Daniel F. Healy had previously written to the Salvation Army in Lowell a letter of warning.

AMERICAN SHIP SANK

CAPTAIN LOUGHRANE AND CREW OF LUCY NEFF ARRIVED AT NEW YORK TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Capt. Loughrane and the crew of 18 of the American steamer Lucy Neff, which foundered early yesterday 20 miles east of Fenwick island, off the Delaware coast, arrived here today on the British steamer Chaschill. The Lucy Neff sailed from Falmouth, Jamaica, Dec. 6, with a full cargo of logwood for American dye makers.

After encountering high seas and terrific gales for several days, the Lucy Neff sprung several leaks on the night of Dec. 14. The crew remained on board until the Chaschill came to their assistance. Ten minutes after the last man had left the Lucy Neff, she sank.

The freighter was of 916 tons gross and was owned by C. L. Dimon of New York.

EX-SEN. HALE IS ILL

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS—LITTLE HOPE HELD OUT FOR HIS RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Former Senator Hale of Maine is seriously ill of paralysis at his home here. Little hope is held out for his recovery, it was said.

Mr. Hale suffered a paralytic stroke a year ago and has since been confined to his home. Only intimate friends have been permitted to see him.

Mr. Hale retired from the senate in 1911 after having for 30 years been a dominant figure in that body.

FOR U. S. SENATOR
John Burke Will Be Candidate to Succeed Sen. McCumber of North Dakota

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 16.—John Burke, treasurer of the United States, will be a candidate for United States senator from North Dakota to succeed Porter J. McCumber, republican. It was announced here today, following the meeting yesterday of the democratic state central committee. Burke served three terms as governor of North Dakota.

The committee endorsed President Wilson for re-election and will circulate petitions to place his name on the presidential primary ballot.

TO DESTROY BRIDGES

AFFIDAVIT OF VON KOOLBERGER IS IN POSSESSION OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The affidavit of Johannes Henrikus von Koolberger, portions of which were published Tuesday in despatches from Providence, R. I., in which he stated that he was employed by Franz Bopp, German consul general in this city, and Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attaché of the consulate general, to destroy bridges and tunnels in Canada, is, it was announced today, in the possession of the federal authorities here. They regard it as of the greatest importance in connection with the prosecution of von Brincken, C. C. Crowley, a detective in Bopp's employ, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, an agent in the employ of Crowley.

U. S. "UNFIT TO MEDIATE"

Dr. Shaw Says Nation Should Grant Women Justice of the Ballot Before Settling Wars

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An arraignment of the United States as unfit to mediate between the warring nations of Europe because it denies justice to its own women marked the farewell speech yesterday of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, retiring president, before the annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association.

The association amended its by-laws to make Dr. Shaw honorary president for life. She had been president 12 years.

A petition said to have been signed by a majority of the delegates was presented today to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York, asking her to accept the presidency. She said she would accept it if the Empire State campaign committee, of which she is chairman, consented. Officers will be nominated tomorrow and elected Friday.

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WHAT PUBLIC EXPECTS

Altogether aside from political controversy or the political fortunes of individuals there is a number of important things before the new administration which must be attended to without undue delay. These include the new high school, the bridge at Pawtucketville, the contagious disease hospital and a public hall. Each in itself is a problem of some magnitude, and the entire list presents a formidable public undertaking, but the Lowell public expects action to be taken by Mr. O'Donnell and the newly organized board of commissioners. There are also many street and park improvements and other matters of a routine nature that will necessitate heavy expenditure and wise supervision and direction. Altogether, the list of pressing matters that demands action will tax the ability and efficiency of the city council to the utmost, and it should be the aim of the new city government to serve the best interests of all the citizens in each important particular.

With regard to the new high school and the contagious hospital, the sites have been already selected, and unless great advantages are to be gained without any great delay no change can be justified now even though the sites are not the best. However, we do not know what ideas the new mayor may submit on the matter and until then a final decision would perhaps be unwise or premature. The high school site was in reality chosen by the school committee, and the council is concerned mostly with the financial features of the situation.

The contagious disease hospital which is demanded by the law of the state has long enough been made a football of politics, and the people desire something practical. No time should be lost in getting the preliminaries under way, and still the council should proceed with caution in order that no hurried action may commit the city to a costly or inadequate plan of improvement. The changing of sites only serves to stir up agitation, and we have had too much agitation and far too little intelligent action.

With regard to the bridge matter, those who will attend to it may profit by the errors of their predecessors. It will not be hard to undo some of what has been done in order that such a costly and necessary improvement may be undertaken in a businesslike manner. All Lowell admits the pressing need of a new Pawtucketville bridge and there will be hearty support for any constructive policy that will respect economy and prevent the exploitation of the city by any interest whatsoever.

There is a genuine demand for a public hall, but the proper kind of a public hall will cost considerable money. It may be wise to wait until other things have been attended to, but the municipal government should go on record as favoring some action that would ensure such a hall in the near future. The officials of our coming government were elected to do definite things, all of which are of immediate importance and none of which can be neglected without injury to the best interests of Lowell. There is work to be done, and it will take brains and tireless effort to get things accomplished.

MUCK RAKING UNPOPULAR

Whether in city, state or national politics, the muck raker is losing caste. Only a few years ago every magazine and paper of importance took savage delight in "exposures" of something or other, and a visitor from another country could not be blamed for thinking that America was the quintsence of all corruption. From the smallest hamlet to the White House no public official was safe from frenzied attacks and the slimy trail of the muck raker was over the land.

Luckily, a reaction has come and while there are still magazines and papers that make a specialty of sensational attacks on persons and policies, their number is decreasing. The conviction is growing that muck raking campaigns do little good, and the country is not taking as much stock as formerly in the fulminations of the chance reformer.

In the larger affairs of the country a spirit of tolerance and co-operation is growing because it is being recognized that aimless attacks that are injurious will in turn injure those who support the attacks. It was once very popular in New England to attack and revile the railroads, and it was effective in bringing the railroads to the brink of ruin, but what was the gain? Disorganized railroads mean disorganized business and, in the last analysis, a discontented and repentant people.

In like manner trust-baiting is not as popular as formerly. Business leaders and business principles are becoming better known, and even the government is showing a far different spirit towards large affairs. We have seen during the present administration how instead of prosecutions there has been a desire for co-operation and mutual confidence and this is all having a good effect. Even the extreme social agitator does not get the applause of former times by calumniating and attacking the trusts. People are inclined to give the trusts the benefit

of the doubt, feeling the while that the government is vigilant and active and being swayed by the government's desire to aid legitimate business instead of setting out to make a record of prosecutions and convictions against the larger American corporations.

BRISK CHRISTMAS TRADE

Everything points to a brisk Christmas business in the local stores, far different from that of last year which was one of the most depressing seasons for many years. At that time there was a feeling of uncertainty and insecurity throughout the country and it was feared that the effect of the war would precipitate hard times and financial panic; consequently people feared to spend money for things that were not absolutely essential. This temporary depression appears to have entirely passed, and the stores are reaping the benefit. As though an exceptional holiday trade were anticipated, our business section reflects confidence and a thorough preparation. The display of Christmas commodities is most inviting, and it is hard to resist the allurements of the many brilliant exhibitions that make our streets a panorama of holiday delights. Then, too, the weather is most favorable for a fine business; there has been just enough snow to give zest to a walk abroad without interfering with comfort and convenience. To be sure, many are making the usual mistake of postponing their shopping until the last moment, but the wise are shopping early. Optimism and the Christmas gaiety are alive on all sides, and few will escape the witchery of the season. Now is the time for the pleasures of anticipation which are peculiar to Christmas, and not the least of these pleasures is the glow that comes from the mild excitement of Christmas shopping.

PROTEST TO FRANCE

Life in the American state department just now seems to be one protest after another. First it was a protest to Germany, then to England, then to Austria, then to Turkey and now to France. Uncle Sam is not in the scrap, but he is keeping a sharp eye on all the fighters, and when they tread on his toes he sends out a bold reminder that he is standing for international law. No sooner does he get through with one set of protests than he has to begin all over again, for the frenzied warring powers scarcely make a pretense of observing any law but the law of expediency. They all illustrate the truth that necessity knows no law, but Uncle Sam refuses to admit it.

The latest protest to France has to do with the forcible taking of six German and Austrian ships from American steamships on the high seas. The men were not in the military service of their country, but there is no justification for such action if the American vessel was boarded on the sea while going to a neutral port, even though the enemy subjects were soldiers or engaged on a military mission. There are direct precedents to support the protest of the United States, one dating back no farther than last November when a German ship had been taken from an American ship by a French cruiser was released after representations by our state department.

VICTORY FOR FIREMEN

The firemen of Lowell are to be congratulated on the outcome of their efforts for one day off in five, and in a sense Lowell is to be congratulated for seeing the matter in the proper light. To have refused to grant the concession after every other Massachusetts city had consented would have been as unwise as it would have been unfair, and Lowell has always taken just pride in the personnel and work of its fire department. The firemen conducted the agitation in a clean, open and intelligent manner, and they succeeded in presenting the arguments so forcibly that the citizens admitted the justice of their stand. We cordially hope that the result will make for greater contentment and greater efficiency in a department that has so much to do with the safety of the city.

The snow is the king magician of the elements. Down it comes quietly while the city sleeps and all that was black and unlovely takes on a lovely beyond words. The trees are turned into ivory and alabaster, the fences are the framework of some Moorish palace and even the mill roofs become Carrara marble. Its pure whiteness does not last long on the city streets where the feet of the multitudes trample it into mire, but few will dispute its claim to loveliness, nevertheless.

Greece has not gone to war, but the war may be coming to Greece. A day or two will suffice to show if the Turks and Bulgarians will cross the Greek frontier to battle with the allies.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES

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George Broadhurst permits no man, however heavily he has dined to doze at one of his plays. "The Law of the Land" is guaranteed to keep your Lord awake and interested. It is a man's play, for so are all plays that have many men in them. But it is a woman's play, for it asks and answers a question that will move and interest every woman in the land. "The Law of the Land" is a law that chiefly governs woman.

"The Law of the Land" is given a wonderful and superb production. Miss Gilberta Faust who made such a terrific hit last week as Cordelia plays the role of Mrs. Harding splendidly. Homer Barton is seen in his best character of the season and plays it finely. All the members of the company do splendidly in their various roles with Joe Crehan, Walter von Bookman, Henry Crosson, Edward Nannery, Richard Barry, Frank Wright and other members of the company appearing in the cast. Master Ebbel Baldwin who plays the child is very good and though only a small part, the youngster displays exceptional acting qualities.

The play is given a superb scenic production with all new and special effects, built especially for this production and they outshine everything that has ever been offered in this city. The same careful attention given to the detail in the New York and Boston productions is evidenced in this week's production of the Emerson players.

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An entirely new program will be presented at the Merrimack Square theatre today, tomorrow and Saturday. Sarah Bernhardt will no longer be seen here in "Camille." If there were any who intended to see her and failed to do so, they would be missing a real treat. The play is a masterpiece of art, from which a good lesson may be learned, namely, when such a feature comes to this theatre, it is immediately less there, a repetition of failure and disappointment.

This will apply to the picture which heads the bill for the next three days, "The Unknown," starring the famous Lou Tellegen who was seen here some time ago in another success of his, "The Unknown." This play takes one of the most interesting of themes, that of a soldier in the Algerian desert. There is always something fascinating about the life of a soldier, and the adventures of a soldier in a foreign land, such as the life of a soldier in the Algerian desert, is a measure responsible for some of the greatest literature that has ever been written. This play has been written at great length on this subject, and it is a masterpiece of art, from which a good lesson may be learned, namely, when such a feature comes to this theatre, it is immediately less there, a repetition of failure and disappointment.

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THE BOY SCOUTS

Talk to Board of Trade by Scout Commissioner of America

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His lecture yesterday was reported in the late edition of The Sun. In his talk last night he repeated the same ideas in a more elaborate form. He said in part:

"We are building men and women in Lowell. They're the most expensive thing in the world when they go wrong. The trial of a man for a serious crime costs as much as the total institution costs of this municipality. 'What shall we give the boy to help him?' The American boy has the power of perpetuating those influences that we have by many means established. He stands as a factor for good or bad for all times. He demands that the cravings of his nature must be fed. When John is curbed in little things, he is going to rebel. He stands as an individual as big as his father in matters dear to his heart. Reaching the Boy

"The quickest way to teach a boy of 12 is to give him what he wants. He is chock full of energy, and if he hasn't got it, he's afraid there is something the matter with that boy. He isn't natural. There may be exceptions but they are remarkably few. 'When the real boy grows to be 19 or 20, we find a man fitted physically to meet the world, but what have you done meanwhile to give him the whole-some vision that he should possess at that age?'

"The Boy Scout organization provides a program of action. A boy wants a cigarette or he wants a drink, and he is taught the evil by practical tests under Boy Scout supervision. In a practical way, the lesson is brought home.

"Over 100 cities of this country are asking for organizers of Boy Scouts. Lowell wants Scouting developed, and that is my mission here. The value of the movement is everywhere recognized.

"Scouting here means much to parents and much from parents, for it not only improves the boy, but it brings an implied obligation from the parents to closer relationship. 'And the man who cannot take a deeper interest in boys generally, after experience with the Boy Scout movement, must be totally oblivious to the welfare of coming generations.'

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RAIDS ON LONDON FAILED AT THE LOWELL GUILD

QUESTION IN COMMONS AS TO RECENT AIR ATTACKS—WAR OFFICE TO TAKE CHARGE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The public anxiety as to the defenses of London against air raids again became evident at the opening of the house of commons session yesterday, the admiralty's representative was bombarded by a series of questions, a part of them concerning the present position of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, former commander of the aerial defense of London.

The opening question was, "Can the admiralty, with a view of reassuring public opinion, state whether the provisions for the anti-aircraft defense of London and the eastern counties have been proved to be satisfactory?"

Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, replied that he could add nothing to the statements already made. In answer to a question regarding the status of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, Mr. McNamara said he was still in charge of the gunnery defenses of London, but that the transfer of the war office was expected shortly and Sir Percy's continuance in that work would then be a question for examination.

Replying to another question, Mr. McNamara said he could not make a statement regarding impending changes in the personnel of the anti-aircraft service. He also declined to answer a question as to whether there had been seven or eight abortive Zeppelin raids since Oct. 13.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary of war, announced in the house of commons Monday that the anti-aircraft control in London was in sole control of the war office and that Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott no longer was in charge of it. Mr. Tennant said that the defense of London from aerial attacks had been under the divided responsibility of the admiralty and the war office, and that this fact had been the basis of many criticisms.

HELD MEMORIAL SERVICE

LADD AND WHITNEY POST PAYS TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS—SIX MEMBERS DIED DURING YEAR

Members of Ladd and Whitney post, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in Post 135 hall on Central street last evening and paid tribute to the memory of the deceased members. The memorial service was held after the regular business meeting at which taps were sounded for Comrade Iva S. Ketchum, who passed away last Sunday.

The exercises opened with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by the impressive salute to the colors. The roll call of the post came next. Six comrades have passed away since the last memorial service one year ago, leaving the post membership at 104. As the name of each deceased member was read his picture was flashed upon the screen, and taps were sounded.

A forcible memorial sermon was preached by Rev. A. C. Skinner of St. Paul's M. E. church and there were appropriate addresses by James O'Sullivan and members of the post. The evening's entertainment consisted of a song by John S. Jackson, and views of Washington, D. C., and the late G. A. R. encampment. The singing of "America" closed the program.

The names of the members who died during the past year are as follows: E. C. Gage, died Jan. 11; William E. Bates, died April 15; Phineas Brownbridge, died May 26; Dr. George B. Pinkham, the first commander of the post, died Nov. 15; Charles Frothingham, died Nov. 24; Iva S. Ketchum, died Nov. 12.

L. F. Munroe, Robert J. Fullerton, Byron Amphiere, Fred Ham and Walter Shaw represented the Sons of Veterans and Mrs. Walter Curtis, Miss Phyllis Curtis, Miss Ella Hodson and Miss Nettie Webb, members of Mary E. Smith tent, 24, were the color bearers.

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MONTHLY MEETING REPORT SHOWS A GREAT GAIN OVER LAST NOVEMBER

The monthly council meeting of the Lowell Guild was held on Monday at the Guild house, the president, Mrs. James G. Hill, presiding.

The business of the month was gone over and the report read, which showed a steady increase of the work of the guild. One thousand and thirty-four visits were made by the district nurses during the month of November, this number including the visits made to the policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and shows a gain of 418 visits over November of last year. The milk station work also showed an encouraging increase, 59 babies attending the weekly conferences, while 137 calls were made by the milk station nurse on the babies in the house and seven mothers were taught to prepare their babies' food. The guild has co-operated with the following organizations during the past month: Board of Health, board of charities, Lowell Social Service League, St. John's hospital, private hospital and received patients from the Lowell General hospital.

The following list of clothing has been given out: Six sheets, three baby outfits, one box of children's clothing, one box of woman's clothing. The guild is following its usual custom of sending out Christmas dinners to deserving families, and any contributions in the way of food or funds would be most gratefully received.

325 FILE OUT IN ORDER

SCHOOL—MYSTERIOUS BLAZE IN BASEMENT OF BUILDING

SPRINGVALE, Me., Dec. 15.—Through the coolness of Miss Ada I. Hackett, a teacher of grade 5, the efficiency of school fire drill was exemplified at the New Hamlin school building yesterday forenoon when 325 children and eight teachers left the building in perfect order, the last escaping only a few seconds before the entire building was filled with smoke from a fire of mysterious origin which started in the boiler room.

At 11:20 smoke was seen rising through a register in Miss Hackett's room. A boy was dispatched to the boiler room directly underneath to investigate and upon his reporting that the basement was on fire Miss Hackett rang the school fire drill signal by pushing an electric button in the hall. The occupants of eight rooms responded in such perfect order that none of the scholars outside of the fifth grade realized that the building was on fire until they were outside.

The fire department, responding to an alarm from box 72 had a stubborn fight for half an hour but confined the fire to the boiler room and fifth grade room flooring. The damage is about \$1000, fully insured.

The fire started in a pile of wood near the coal bins.

DUMDUMS MADE IN U. S.

CHARGES THAT BRIDGEPORT FACTORY ACCEPTED CONTRACT WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Charges that a Bridgeport, Conn., factory accepted a contract with the British government to supply the British army with dumdum bullets were made yesterday in an affidavit filed with Assistant United States Attorney Knox by Dr. Herbert Klenzle.

Dr. Klenzle is one of the six men indicted with Robert Fay on the charge of conspiring to blow up ships carrying munitions to the allies. His affidavit is in support of a motion for a separate trial and the appointment of a commission to take evidence in his behalf in Germany. A similar motion was made for Engelbert Bronkhorst, another of the indicted men.

Dr. Klenzle says he submitted proofs to the United States government of the alleged traffic in dumdum bullets and that that was his only connection in any way with German propaganda in this country. With his affidavit yesterday he submitted photographs of German soldiers alleged to have been wounded by dumdum bullets made in the United States.

Both Dr. Klenzle and Bronkhorst deny ever having had any dealings with Fay. The latter implicated both in his confession. The motions will be heard by United States Judge Julius Mayer on Monday.

GOV. WALSH RETAINS

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—More than four hours late, Gov. Walsh arrived from New York at 5:45 last evening, having been on the train since 8:20 a. m. The governor had planned to attend the executive council meeting yesterday afternoon, but the delay, due to the crippled condition of the New Haven service between New York and New Haven, rendered this impossible. Last evening he attended an informal dinner which Lieut. Gov. Cushing gave at his home in Chestnut street to the executive and his council.

FRANK RICARD'S OPENING

Frank Ricard, best known as the up-town jeweler, will observe an opening of his newly enlarged store, 638 Merrimack street, tomorrow and Saturday. Having sold out his shoe business, Mr. Ricard decided to use the entire floor space which was formerly for both his shoe and jewelry store; hence his jewelry store now occupies 225 square feet of floor space, allowing a department for each line of goods where they can be well displayed. In order to induce those to come to his store on the next two days, who might otherwise hesitate, because it might be a little out of their way, Mr. Ricard is making a special reduction on all his Christmas goods, which no doubt many wise shoppers will take advantage of. These goods will be offered at these reduced prices during the next two days, which are the two days of the opening.

PROCLAMATIONS BARRED

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. sends the following: "Hugo Haase, leader of the 41 socialists forming the peace party in the German reichstag, has issued a proclamation which the newspapers are prohibited from printing. It is much discussed in political circles as signifying a political battle."

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MAINE'S CASH BALANCE HELD FARMERS' INSTITUTE

STATE TREASURY HAS \$1,955,551.04 ON HAND—LARGEST AMOUNT SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 15.—State Treas. Elmer E. Newbert announced last night that the cash balance on hand is \$1,955,551.04, the largest balance in the history of the state, with the exception of the year 1864, when a large bond issue was sold and there was a big temporary war loan.

STRICTER PASSPORTS

President Orders Duplicate Applications and Three Copies of Applicant's Photograph Filed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Passport regulations more stringent than those effective at present will be enforced by the state department under an executive order issued by President Wilson and made public yesterday. Duplicate applications and three copies of the applicant's photograph, instead of a single application and two photographs, will be required. Applicants must name the dates they expect to sail, ports of departure and names of steamers they will take, and must file their applications with the department at least five days prior to sailing.

CLAIMS ELECTION ILLEGAL

Councilor Foley, Defeated in Attleboro, Says Polls Did Not Close at Same Time

ATTLEBORO, Dec. 15.—Councilor Stephen H. Foley declared yesterday that Tuesday's election was illegal. He claims that in ward 4 and ward 5 the polls were closed about 4 o'clock and in ward 2 at 4:30. He also declares that the polls in some of the wards opened 20 minutes late in the morning, owing to some official confusion. He presented an official copy of the records of the municipal council, which say that the polls should close at 4:30. On the other hand, the official call, published in a local paper, says the polls were to open at 6 and close at 4. Councilor Foley was the only member of last year's council to be defeated at yesterday's election.

At yesterday's election, who lost in the council race Tuesday by 38 votes, has asked for a recount. He was defeated by Howard G. Smith, according to the returns announced. Mr. MacKinnon points out that the names of "Saart," "Smith" and "Sweet" all began with "S," all had five letters and were together on the ballot, and he says he has reason to believe that the election officers called off wrong crosses in enough instances to assure his election.

FIRE DRILL BY MISTAKE

Plumber Sounds Wrong Bell in Belfast, Me. School, but Building Is Quickly Emptied

BELFAST, Me., Dec. 15.—An unexpected but very satisfactory test of the fire drill in the grammar school building was made yesterday morning. A plumber sent to the building to make repairs pressed what he supposed was the plumber's call bell, but it happened to be the fire alarm. He was much surprised to see all the doors open and the children and teachers come pouring out of the rooms and down the fire escapes.

FIRE ON COOLIDGE STREET

The alarm from box 118 about 7 o'clock last evening was for a fire in a tenement back at 23 Coolidge street, owned by George Husson. The fire was first discovered by Patrolman Lennox, who telephoned to the Central fire station. The blaze started on the ground floor and worked its way into the partitions causing considerable damage. There was a fire in the same property yesterday afternoon.

JAPAN'S NOTE TO CHINA

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—Italy's ratification having arrived, Japan has forwarded to China the note from the emperor of China relative to the re-establishment of a Chinese monarchy. The note is of a soothing nature, but emphasizes the necessity of the maintenance of peace in China and the determination of the emperor to protect their rights in the case of outbreaks.

WAR VETERAN MURDERED

ORRAT BARRINGTON, Dec. 15.—Lafayette Battelle, 50, a Civil War veteran, who lived alone in a small farmhouse on the road to Monterey, was found dead in his bed yesterday, a victim of murder. He had been bound and gagged

and tied to the bed and a wound at the back of the head indicated that he had been clubbed.

Robbery is believed to have been the motive. Mr. Battelle received a pension amounting to \$30 last week, and also drew \$10 from a bank. This

money is missing, together with everything else of value that his little home contained.

The medical examiner said that he had been dead three or four days.

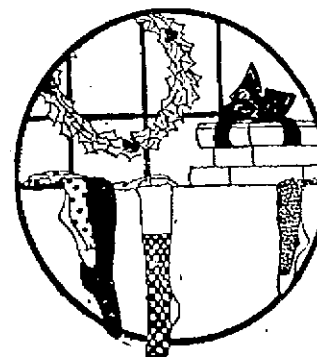
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Ladies' White Silk Hose, fancy clocking, for \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00 a Pair
Ladies' Navy and Bronze Silk Hose, clocked, \$1.00 and \$1.50 a Pair
Ladies' Checked and Plaid Silk Hose, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a Pair
Ladies' Plain Black Silk Hose, all silk or with hile knee, McCallum and Phoenix make, \$1

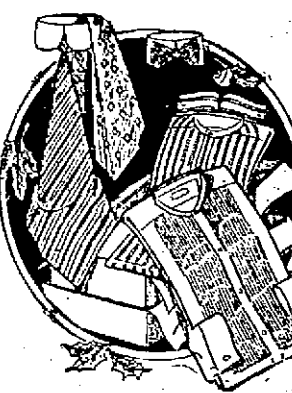
Ladies' Heavy Black Silk Hose, double soles, for \$1.25
Ladies' Extra Fine Black Silk Hose.....\$1.50
Ladies' Colored Silk Hose, navy, bronze, gray, silver, pink, yellow, sky, fawn, old rose, Nile, etc.....\$1.00 a Pair
Ladies' Heavy Accordion Silk Hose, two toned, for \$3.00
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MERRIMACK ST. BASEMENT

BASEBALL WAR AT END

Federals and Organized Baseball Leaders Reach Agreement—Terms Kept Secret

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Peace between the Federal league and organized baseball was practically declared yesterday when the magnates of the American league passed favorably on the proposition submitted to them by the National and Federal leagues. Indications are that before the week is over all details of the peace will have been arranged. It means there will be only two major leagues next season—the National and American. The Federals will be pacified by being permitted to buy clubs in organized ball.

The announcement came after an exciting afternoon at the Congress hotel. Barney Dreyfuss, the owner of the Federal league, was the bearer of the peace, and his visit was unannounced. He arrived at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A half hour later he had the floor in the assembly room at the hotel, where the American league had gathered to receive him and hear the message.

Dreyfuss spent more than an hour there, then retired, and the American league magnates took up the proposition. Before adjourning, they recalled him to the meeting room for another session, then adjourned for dinner and announced that peace was assured. Dreyfuss left just at night for New York to report to the National league the result of his trip.

Just what the peace proposition is, was not given out for publication. While it is in favor of all three leagues, it will require much work to straighten it out. That will be accomplished by the committees, one from each league, and that committee will meet before the week is over, either in Chicago or New York. The members will take up all the details of the merger and several of the points may have to be settled by the National commission.

As soon as the afternoon session was adjourned, President Johnson was stormed by a host of war scribers, players and managers, to whom he spoke as follows:

"We have received the peace proposition from Mr. Dreyfuss of the National league. I am not at liberty to discuss it in detail at this time. However, I will say the proposition is favorable to the American league, with the exception of only one or two minor points which may be easily adjusted. The proposition, according to Mr. Dreyfuss, is favorable to both the National and Federal league clubs owners, and consequently peace is assured. The details are to be adjusted by committees, one from each league, and this committee meeting is to be held this week. The National commission may have to aid in adjusting some of the details."

Dreyfuss declared there was no mention of the Cleveland club in the terms he brought.

Weeghman to Get Cubs

As yet no one can say just what will be done, but there is little doubt but that the Chicago Cubs will be sold to Charles Weeghman and his associates, and will be seen at the North Side park when the season of 1916 begins. Whether Joe Tinker or Roger Bresnahan will be the manager, is not known. It is undoubtedly, that is one of the points to be settled by the committee, but it is quite certain that Tinker will be the manager and Bresnahan will be placed in charge of some other club, possibly Pittsburgh.

It also is quite certain that Harry Sinclair, the wealthy owner of the Newark Federals, will be at least a part owner in the New York Giants. Also there is little doubt but that Phil Ball will be the owner of the St. Louis Cardinals. It is likely that other Federal league magnates are to be taken over by either the National league or the International league, or possibly that one of them will have a chance to buy the Cleveland club of the American league.

The visit of Dreyfuss, as a messenger of peace, was the big event of the day, and all other affairs were practically abandoned. The American league owners had no desire to enter upon their annual business affairs until they had learned just what it was Dreyfuss had to offer.

Ends Two Years of War

The peace protocol ends a war that began to attract attention just two years ago this month. The Federal league had been in existence then a year, but not until Joe Tinker, unable to reach terms with the Brooklyn Nationals, had agreed to join the Chicago Federals, did the league become a reality. Tinker induced a number of players, from both rival leagues, to join the new league, and its organizers succeeded in attracting additional capitalists as backers.

The new league then expanded, putting teams in Brooklyn and St. Louis. In addition, the former unit, and one by one gathered into its fold some star ball players.

The legality of contracts brought the fight between the Federals and organized ball into the courts in several cases, the climax coming with the anti-trust suit filed before Judge Landis about a year ago. The case came to trial last January, but Judge Landis has never handed down a decision, and some baseball men thought he was hoping for the success of peace negotiations, since, during the trial, he declared he was against anything "calculated to tear down this structure known as baseball."

TO RATIFY TERMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The future status of big league baseball will be decided at a peace conference of representatives of the American, National and Federal and International leagues here tomorrow, if the expectations of the magnates who have framed the tentative agreement after three years of war are fulfilled.

Members of the National league here in their annual meeting are waiting today for the arrival of the conference committee appointed by the American league to ratify the proposed terms of peace. The committee is headed by Ban Johnson.

James Gilmore, president of the Federal league, and Harry F. Sinclair, owner of the Newark Federals, are ready to take part in the final conference to determine the future of baseball organizations representing an outlay estimated at more than \$16,000,000.

No authoritative statement has been made as to the terms of peace. It is understood that many problems remain to be decided. Chief among them is that involved in the demand of President Gilmore that organized baseball must take over the \$350,000 pay roll of the Federal league.

Some of the baseball players here are apprehensive as to the result affecting them. Many Federal league players fear they will be out of a job next season, while others of the two big leagues expect to have to play for less money than heretofore.

CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Members of the peace committee of the American league will attend a conference in New York tomorrow with committees from the National and Federal leagues at which, it is expected, peace in the baseball world will be declared. Indications are, it is said, that all details will be settled by Saturday night.

Although the peace proposals have been kept secret, it is said that Chas. H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, will come into control of the Chicago National league club. To conclude the business of the annual meeting of the American league club owners remained in session until long after last midnight. The rule adopted prohibiting American league players or managers from writing for newspapers or magazines or permitting their names to be used over stories in such publications had the approval of every club owner at the session.

The league also decided to stop the practice of post-season tours by so-called all-star teams.

BOWLING NOTES

The quintet of bowlers rolling under the name of the Woodbines in the club league at the Jewel alleys are not connected with the Woodbine Social club.

The McMahon family bowling team challenges any family team in New England for a series of matches for the championship of this district.

INDOOR SPORTS

The series of indoor athletic events for employed boys at the Y.M.C.A. was concluded Tuesday night with A. J. Johnston the winner, scoring 1007 points. Johnston won the first prize, a silver medal, and the bronze medal for second prize went to E. W. Harris, Jr., who scored 876 points. The results of Tuesday night's events were as follows:

Two-lap run: First, C. Prunelli; second, H. J. Scott; third, A. Bennett. Time, 16:55. Second lap: First, A. J. Johnston; second, H. J. Scott; third, A. Bennett. Distance, 14 feet, 10 inches. One-lap run: First, C. Prunelli; second, H. J. Scott; third, A. Bennett. Distance, 27 feet, 8 inches. The final standing is: A. J. Johnston, 1007 points; E. W. Harris, Jr., 876 points; C. M. McIntosh, 853 points; H. J. Scott, 746 points; E. Mulgrave, 713 points.

BASKETBALL COMMENT

Lowell did not play in Holliston last night, the game having been put off for a week at the request of the Holliston management.

Worcester has regained its stride and is going along at a great pace. After a disastrous slump, the best of the commonwealth, quietest has put across wins over Lowell, Marlboro and Maynard. Worcester plays in Lowell in a few weeks.

Mulvaney must have got snowed in up at Nashua Tuesday night, for he did not put in an appearance and nothing has been heard from him since. He probably was looking for the shoes he threw away down in Marlboro.

Tim Shrugue, another Gate City athlete, will make his initial appearance with the local quintet here next Tuesday night against Northboro. Shrugue is in splendid physical condition and should make a good impression.

The Lawrence writers think quite highly of Angus McIntosh, the L.M.A.A. player who has done excellent work for the down river quintet thus far this season. McIntosh started out with one of the second teams last season and played against the Y.M.C.A. second team at the Stockpole street game.

Jimmy Keenan, who starred for the Y.M.C.A. second team the past two seasons, is playing the game again this season. Keenan is a wonderfully improved player, and he has gained considerable weight. He will undoubtedly be a factor in the game.

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Frank McPherson, the former N. E. league baseball player and at one time majority stockholder in the city of Lowell, N. H., will not take the game against Fitchburg tomorrow night. Friends of each roller were on hand to encourage him. McPherson got the jump in the first strike with a score of 35 to 79 for Miss McPherson. She continued to hit the white sticks in big league style and won four out of the first five strikes. Miss McPherson came back strong in the last five strikes and managed to win four out of the five. At the conclusion of the last strike Miss McPherson was enthusiastically applauded when it was announced that she had sent 110 pins scattering over the polished surface.

Mrs. McPherson—25, 31, 37, 53, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Miss McPherson—79, 75, 73, 90, 50, 100, 52, 91, 68, 110—885.

NASHUA BOWLERS WON

Nashua pin splitters won from Lowell bowling artists, 1165 to 1059, at the team alleys, Nashua, Tuesday evening. The Lowell bowlers were missing at the start of the contest and an agreement was made by which the teams rolled with four men. The scores:

Nashua

Holt 91 94 91 276
McMahon 93 88 92 273
McClintock 95 89 90 274
McClintock 95 89 90 274

Totals 373 351 351 1108

Lowell

Shea 85 89 102 276
O'Connor 85 87 90 271
McClintock 91 87 86 264
McClintock 91 87 86 264

Totals 371 341 371 1059

Several exciting matches were rolled last night in the City league and all were well attended by followers of the game. The Crescents sprang the big surprise of the evening by taking four points from the Kiltedreds, who in this match with a mark of 326.

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MRS. KEIMAN WON MATCH

In a rival 10-string bowling match at a downtown alley last night between Mrs. F. Keiman and Miss L. McPherson the former won by the scant margin of three pins. The match was of much interest and bowling fans and friends of each roller were on hand to encourage them. Mrs. Keiman got the jump in the first strike with a score of 35 to 79 for Miss McPherson. She continued to hit the white sticks in big league style and won four out of the first five strikes. Miss McPherson came back strong in the last five strikes and managed to win four out of the five. At the conclusion of the last strike Miss McPherson was enthusiastically applauded when it was announced that she had sent 110 pins scattering over the polished surface.

Mrs. Keiman—25, 31, 37, 53, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Miss McPherson—79, 75, 73, 90, 50, 100, 52, 91, 68, 110—885.

NASHUA BOWLERS WON

Nashua pin splitters won from Lowell bowling artists, 1165 to 1059, at the team alleys, Nashua, Tuesday evening. The Lowell bowlers were missing at the start of the contest and an agreement was made by which the teams rolled with four men. The scores:

Nashua

Holt 91 94 91 276
McMahon 93 88 92 273
McClintock 95 89 90 274
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Lowell

Shea 85 89 102 276
O'Connor 85 87 90 271
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FOR SALE

TWO WAGONS, delivery sleigh and platform scales for sale. Inquire 117 Winthrop ave.

LARGE square piano for sale at a reasonable price. Inquire 197 White st.

SCOTCH COLLIE DOGS, male and female for sale. Inquire 21 Agawam st.

BUY YOUR watches and jewelry at workingman's prices. Waltham bracelet watches, gold filled, 20 year cases, \$2 value, \$3.50. Gold chain 15 size, 12 jewels, gold filled, 20 year cases, \$12 value, \$5.50. 21 jewel watches, \$7.50. Gold filled lockets and chains, \$1.50. Watches, jewelry, clocks and jewelry cleaned and repaired. 30 years experience, 5 years with the Waltham watch factory. 304½ German st.

ALL KINDS of new and second hand sewing machines. Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, White drop-head, etc., from \$5.00 up. Call 31 Lakeview ave.

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FOR SALE—Speed sleigh, light driving harness and English riding saddle. 237½

BOILER RUNNER SLEIGH for sale, suitable for light delivery; also one covered wagon. Ryan's stable, Concord st.

SLEIGH and pump for sale. Apply 41 Hildreth bldg. or 51 Beacon st. Phone

HELP WANTED

FIRST CLASS plumber wanted at once. Apply M. F. Smith Heating Co., 215 Dutton st.

EDGE TRIMMER wanted at once. Apply Adams Bros., Tanner and Lincoln st.

WOMAN wanted to do housework and go home nights. Apply 119 Middlesex st.

ELDERLY Catholic woman wanted to assist in family of six, four children, no washing, ironing or heavy work; wages \$2 per week. Box 91, Maynard, Mass.

COTTON weavers, spinners, flax spinners, spoolers, winders, twisters, \$7 to \$12 per week; women weavers, spinners, wanted. Middlesex Employment Agency, 408 Middlesex st.

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THE SPELLBINDER

Mayor-elect O'Donnell, when seen this morning relative to the probable assignment of commissioners, said: "I haven't given the matter any thought as yet, and nobody has spoken to me about it. My own position, of course, is fixed by the charter."

Many Post-Mortems

Now they are holding post-mortems on the election and the principal discussion seems to be on the defeat of George H. Brown. Republicans make the statement that Abel R. Campbell was sacrificed by his own party in order to accomplish the defeat of Brown. Whether that is a fact or not, I know not. Of the four candidates for commissioner, three were republicans and one a democrat. In national politics, therefore, if party lines be regarded as deciding factors, which they were not, it was a "clinch" that O'Donnell should win, and it was a fight between the other three. For second choice among the democrats the "pols" say it was a toss-up between Morris and Brown, and Commissioner Morris had the advantage of a close personal acquaintance with the street and sewer employees of the city for the past 20 years, and from the old days when he was foreman of the ledge he was a prime favorite with them. Many supporters of Mayor Murphy now aver that one of the big contributory causes of his defeat was the overzealous efforts of one of his newspaper backers and one of his police department friends.

Police Were Too Busy

On Friday somebody, and it is believed that that somebody was an old Civil war veteran, a man 70 years of age, and well known, came to Lowell and in broad daylight kidnapped two children and went away scot free with the little ones. The mother of the children notified the police, but the police were too busy conducting an election, and they gave out only a passing reference to the case to the newspapers.

From Friday until after the election of Tuesday, the police apparently had no time to go out and catch a crippled old man with two children, and the mother of the children, despairing of their aid, wrote to The Sun to aid her in locating the little ones.

Yesterday, with the aid of The Sun sought, and the election over, the police suddenly got busy on the case and this morning the Council-Citizen department considered a space to the affair. Informed its readers that Officer Petrie spent the entire day on the case, yesterday. Surely it was fine time to go after the kidnapper five days after he had stolen the children, though the police were notified on Friday. The fact of the matter was, that the men who should have been working on the kidnapping case since Friday were so busy with politics up to the closing of the polls that they could not attend to the other little matter of law-enforcement.

It is a good bet that if Mayor-elect O'Donnell were at the head of the police department the police would have a report of progress to make on such a case within a very few hours after it had been reported, or he would ascertain the reason why.

Paul Hannagan's Defeat

The defeat of Paul Hannagan, in Lawrence, was learned with regret by his many friends in this city. Paul has been a familiar and picturesque figure in politics for many years, and, like Charlie Morse he is known all over the state as an authority on street and sewer building. Paul was a close friend of the Big Chief and the latter can now say to him, as the late P. A. Collins once said at an O'Reilly memorial meeting: "I mourn with you, and I also mourn alone."

The Stay-at-Homes

Some of Mayor Murphy's friends at

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WARNING AGAINST FIRE

Chief Saunders Tells of Xmas Tree Danger—Tree on Common as Last Year

There was a Christmas tree discussion at city hall today and Fire Chief Saunders broke in with a few practical suggestions, for he knows that Lowell's fire chief is nothing if not practical. He said that inflammable material should be kept a safe distance from lights on Christmas trees. He told of a liquid that he had seen used at a convention in Cincinnati, in September, to prevent fire. Anything treated with the liquid, he said, would not burn.

The demonstrators even went so far, said Mr. Saunders, as to sprinkle a little fire and then attempted to set fire to it. The dress would not burn and neither would paper flowers and other things that had been treated with the liquid in question. But it is useless to advocate the use of the liquid, and I am not sure that it is procurable here. But the greatest care should be exercised in connection with Christmas trees as they have been responsible for a number of fire alarms in the past. I do not see the real necessity of putting candles on trees, but if candles are really a necessary adjunct they ought not to be surrounded by flammable or inflammable material.

Christmas Tree on Common

Speaking about Christmas trees, the

city, as has already been stated, is going to have a tree on the South common, the same as last year and attended by similar exercises. The tree will be 75 feet tall—some tree. It was captured on Ward's Hill in Haverhill and it was announced today that it would take a six horse team to bring it here. The mayor allows that the Christmas tree and the exercises will cost about \$200. The Lowell Electric Light corporation will supply lights free of cost and at an expense to the company. It is stated, of about \$500. There will be a band of 40 pieces under the direction of William Bamber, leader of the Lowell Military band. There will be carol singing by choristers under the direction of Alexander Williams. The singing and all electrical work will be done by Anderson. The leaders containing the carols that were sung last year will be distributed again this year. The tree will be lighted at about 7 o'clock on Christmas eve and will be lighted each evening until the new year.

The Christmas Holiday

The schools will close tomorrow for the Christmas holidays and will remain closed until Monday, December 27. New Year's day will fall on Saturday and just for that there will be no extra holiday.

THE ANCONA CASE

Continued

mirally itself, American officials are at a loss to understand where there is much room for discussion or dispute of facts.

News recently from Vienna that the submarine which sunk the Ancona was missing led some officials to believe that a new element had been introduced into the dispute which has promise of carrying some weight. That point, however, seems to have been disregarded in Austria's answer, so far as officials can judge from the unofficial text received here.

Wagon Slaughter

American officials believed that, taking as a basis the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the Ancona was shelled, torpedoed and sunk while passing through the Adriatic, there would be little room for discussion of Secretary Lansing's contention that the commander violated the principles of international law and humanity and that it was "wanton slaughter of defenseless non-combatants."

Officials pointed out today that a thoroughly unsatisfactory and unresponsive reply from Austria would bring diplomatic relations between the two countries to a crisis because of the closing words of Secretary Lansing's note, which declared that "good relations between the two countries rest upon a common regard for law and humanity" and that Austria, appreciating the gravity of the case, "will accede to its (the United States) demand promptly."

Demands in Note

Specifically, the note demanded denouncing the sinking of the Ancona as "an illegal and indefensible act," the punishment of the commander who "perpetrated the deed" and the payment of an indemnity to those Americans who suffered. The note stands as the most vigorous of all the American correspondence of the war and was not equalled even by the note at the close of the submarine controversy with Germany.

Austria's diplomatic relations with the United States since the recall of Ambassador Dunbar for his connection with plots to cripple American munitions plants have been maintained by the embassy here with Baron Zwiédinek as chargé d'affaires.

Baron Zwiédinek had no official despatches from Vienna but after reading the newspaper accounts he went to the state department and conferred with Secretary Lansing. Previously the baron had inquired what the attitude of the United States would be toward an unacceptable reply. Today, on the basis of the news despatches, he charged and the secretary discussed the situation informally.

Baron Zwiédinek spent only a few minutes with Secretary Lansing and returned to the embassy. Soon after noon the state department began to receive a long despatch from Ambassador Penfield. Officials said it was not the Austrian government's reply to the Ancona note, but a personal report of an informant on the situation from the ambassador himself. There was no indication of when the text of the reply would be received, or if it was in transit.

ANCONA SINKING UPHELD

VIENNA, Dec. 15 (by courier to Berlin): via London, Dec. 15.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty is entirely opposed to any disavowal of the course responsible for the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona. On the contrary, it approves his conduct fully and declares that he would have been considered as having failed to perform his duty if he had allowed the Ancona to escape.

The reply to the American note, it is understood, will be delivered soon. The correspondent of the Associated Press has not been able to secure a forecast of the terms of the reply, but all indications are that a pessimistic view of the situation is justified.

The admiralty today stated its case and the attitude of the naval authorities as follows:

"It is a submarine commander's duty to make a report to a designated base as soon as possible, and the commander who sank the Ancona did this as soon as he was within wireless distance of the land. He made a supplementary report at Pola, and accompanied it with his log. No examination of the crew was held, because the commander's report was considered complete and there was no reason to suppose that the crew could do anything thereto.

"So far as the commander is concerned, his course is clear. The admiralty has received his report and sees no reason to find any fault with his course of action.

"If any such reason existed—that is, if the admiralty found that the commander had done anything contrary to his instructions—it would spontaneously institute an investigation against him without waiting for any demand to come from some foreign government. It can happen that a commander, in heat of battle, deals with a situation in a way that nothing of the kind has occurred in his case. It appears clearly from his report that his ship was in danger, indeed, in double danger first from the fact that an enemy boat was approaching on a line that threatened to cut off his retreat, and the enemy ship and the Ancona could have established his right of action and could have sent a torpedo-bomb flotilla on him and second, there was danger of the Ancona escaping, which, according to his instructions, was to be prevented in all circumstances. Hence, the conduct of the commander, such as the loss of innocent lives must be regretted and deplored, cannot be disapproved.

"On the contrary, if he had departed without destroying the Ancona, it would have been failure to do his duty, since the Ancona could have notified other ships of his whereabouts. The loss of American lives is regrettable, as well as that Americans used a vessel belonging to a nation at war with Austria-Hungary.

A naval writer and expert said to the Associated Press correspondent in a discussion on the demands of the American note:

"It should be remembered that Austria's fleet is her favorite child. Its honor and prestige are treasured to the highest degree. The government might possibly yield points in a matter affecting the army, but the withdrawal of an act of an Austrian naval officer is hardly thinkable in any but abnormal circumstances. I am certain that it would have to be a very extreme case indeed which could justify in the eyes of all Austrians any humiliation of a naval officer at the behest of a foreign power."

GERMAN COMMENT ON NOTE

HAMBURG, via London, Dec. 15.—The newspapers Hamburger Fremden-Blatt and Hamburger Nachrichten comment at length on the note sent by the United States to Austria concerning the Ancona case. The Fremdenblatt says:

"The note has caused extraordinary surprise in Germany not only because of its harsh note, but also because of its contradictory contents. The Ancona was fired upon because she tried to escape, not tried to escape because she was first fired upon."

The Fremdenblatt thinks that the note cannot be explained by the immediate occasion that gave rise to it, but says that probably the president's "temperament was strongly influenced by general vexations such as recently occurred," but the president, declares the paper, "in view of the responsibility resting upon him and also in justice of the judgment which he claims for himself, must at all times endeavor to frank joint efforts to clear the atmosphere than to a momentary explosion of passion."

The Fremdenblatt proposes a joint investigation of the circumstances of the case as a step towards reaching an agreement.

The Nachrichten says it thinks the "gentlemen" in Washington are directly informed regarding the incident. The Nachrichten blames the Italian captain of the Ancona for trying to escape and says that because of his action the Washington note should be addressed to Rome and not to Vienna.

LACK OF INTEREST IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 15, via London.—The transcript of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona case reached Berlin so late that only a part of the morning newspapers were able to print it. There were no comments on the communication. A general lack of interest in the matter would appear to be indicated by the fact that the papers print the note on an inside page or give it only a secondary position on the front page.

VIENNA FOLLOWS GERMAN CUE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Westminster Gazette says in regard to the Austrian reply to the American note: "Taking as one from the German correspondence about the Lusitania, Vienna's purpose is clearly to terrorize and involve the American government in a tedious exchange of documents, until presently the American mind will have forgotten the incident."

INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

Tonight's meetings are as follows: Trades & Labor council, Trades & Labor hall; Painters' union, Carpenters' hall; Local 319, Machinists' union, Odd Fellows hall.

Carpenters' Union, Local 1610

Carpenters' union, local 1610 conducted an interesting business session last night in the Ranelagh building headquarters. A gift of important business was transacted and two applications for membership were received. Several committee reports were read and disposed of and a number of communications were referred to the secretary after being read aloud to the body. The business agent submitted an encouraging report.

Hing Spinners' Union

Hing Spinners' union held a well attended meeting last night in Trades & Labor hall. A large number of important business was transacted and the session was brought to a successful close by the initiation of seven new members. Following the adjournment of the meeting a very enjoyable musical program was carried out, with songs by the members of the organization.

Federated Trades Meeting

A meeting of the Federated Trades

"The real question is whether the United States is or is not tired of this kind of thing."

REPLY TO U. S. NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 15, 6.22 a. m.—The reply of the Austro-Hungarian government to the note from the United States relative to the sinking of the steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine was handed to Friedrich C. Penfield, United States ambassador at Vienna, on Tuesday, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to Reuters Telegram Co.

BRITISH-AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB

A delightful as well as successful concert and dancing party was conducted under the auspices of the British-American Social Club and Ladies' auxiliary last night in Associate hall. The concert was held in aid of the British widows' and orphans' relief fund. The program included songs by John M. Brown, John Dickinson and P. J. Wheahan and an overture by Broderick's concert orchestra. There were also two solo dances by Miss Kathleen Seath, both of which she executed in costume. Following the concert the orchestra played for a dance program consisting of 20 numbers.

The committee on arrangements were: Nell McNeill, Watters, general manager; John S. Breckenridge, assistant general manager; George Whalley, floor director; Harry Wisby, chief aid; William Dawson, Edward Hanson, Mrs. John Orrell, Mrs. William Axon, Mrs. R. Taylor, Mrs. George Whalley, Joseph H. Harrison, William Leach, Mrs. L. S. Boughton, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. James Tait, Mrs. A. Taylor, Joseph Pearson, Robert Taylor, James Bax, James Tait, Peter Caddell and Harry Entwistle.

AMERICANS DETAINED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The 30 Americans detained by General Villa at Alameda, Mex., may be expelled from the Villa territory as the Spaniards were at Torreon a year ago, but are not believed to be in danger of execution, according to advices to the state department from El Paso, whose receipt was announced today.

It is unlikely that the department will protest to the Carranza government, the only recognized government in Mexico against their detention.

WEST VIRGINIA PRIMARIES

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The day before the republican national convention begins its deliberations in Chicago, June 7 next, the West Virginia primary election will be held to name among other officers the delegates from this state to the convention. Remote districts, particularly in the mountains, will not be able, it is thought, to report the result of the primaries for a day or two after the convention at Chicago is in session, although every effort will be made to assemble the returns quickly. Exhibitionists, progressives and socialists have announced their intention of placing tickets in the field by petition.

CLAIMS BODY OF SUICIDE

Mrs. Harlow's Father Arrives in

Claremont, N. H.—She Will Be Buried in Wedding Dress

CLAREMONT, N. H., Dec. 15.—James Harlow, father of Mrs. Harlow, who committed suicide last Sunday, arrived yesterday from Knoxville, Tenn., where he was last night with his daughter's body.

The funeral will be at Knowlton at the family home and will be private. Mrs. Harlow's wedding dress was found by her father, and her request that she be buried in it and her veil will be carried out.

She survived by her parents and two brothers.

Gifts Women Like

Bathrobes

We have assembled for the Christmas season an unusually large stock of Ladies' Bathrobes at unusually low prices,

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Silk Petticoats

Just received, 5 dozen all Silk Petticoats in colors, that were made to sell at \$2.95. We bought them under price and offer them this week at

\$1.98

Mark Cross Gloves

Full line of sizes on this celebrated Glove for women in tan and gray street gloves, at

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ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

NEW LUNCH ROOM

Sheffield System Buys Out Former C. & K. Lunch Room

The lunch room located at 75 Central street, formerly known as the C. & K. Lunch, has been leased by Charles G. Lincoln & Co., Inc., of Hartford, Conn. This company while being one of the largest coffee roasting firms in this section of the country, also controls the large chain of Sheffield lunch rooms located in various cities in New England. It should be understood that the ownership of this lunch room has changed completely and that this firm has no connection with the former C. & K. Lunch system.

Mr. Lincoln, the president of the company, has been very thorough in rejuvenating and altering this lunch room. Everything which has been retained has been thoroughly cleaned so that everything, from the large refrigerator in the basement to the ceiling above, is as fresh and as new as when new. In addition many new facilities for giving absolute satisfaction have been added by the new proprietor in his desire to make the service and satisfaction of the lunch room proverbial throughout the city.

On inspection it is easy to note that a small fortune has been spent in fitting up this new restaurant to make it inviting and attractive. The store floor, the brown marble slabs which increase the entire four walls shoulder high, the metal upper walls and the ceiling above, also of metal, represent a major part of the new scheme. The entire room has been so constructed and finished that it can easily be thoroughly washed with water and kept constantly immaculate. A new heating system has been installed; the woodwork shines resplendent with new paint; nothing has been left undone to make the restaurant a popular and desirable as well as appetizing place to lunch. A noticeable feature, and one that should please all, has been inaugurated by the new owners of this lunch room; trays have been provided upon which the order of the customer is placed by the waiter or waitress, the former taking either a marble table or a chair, according to his preference. These trays are all laid out along the order counter and many can be supplied at once by one of the waiters without crowding and surging to the central point of the counter and trying to get the attention of the person in charge. All food which will be served in this new restaurant will be of the highest quality; the dairy products will be absolutely fresh. The kitchen staff comprises experienced men who know well how to prepare the food in the most appetizing and delicious manner.

It is the aim of the management to supply the patrons of their new lunch room with a service and satisfaction hitherto unknown. In this city and which will make it a pleasure to everyone to patronize this excellent dining room and its surroundings. The new Sheffield Lunch Room will be open to accommodate the public at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THE SOUTH END CLUB

LADIES' NIGHT OBSERVED AT LINCOLN HALL WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE

The members of the South End club, one of Lowell's most progressive young men's organizations, were hosts last evening in Lincoln hall, where a large number of lady friends and invited guests gathered on the occasion of their first ladies' night, or complimentary dance. The affair was given by the club in appreciation of the splendid patronage accorded to it at past social events conducted by it. It was a grand success and the members did not enjoy themselves it was not the fault of the committee in charge.

Dancing was the main feature of the evening, this being enjoyed from 8.30 o'clock until midnight, with the exception of a short intermission at 10.30 o'clock. Excellent music was furnished by the orchestra and the hall presented a pleasing scene, thronged with young couples gliding merrily over the floor. During the evening the rooms of the club in the Lincoln building were open for inspection and a large number of the guests availed themselves of the opportunity to visit and inspect the spacious quarters of the club. The following members, who comprised the committee in charge, were on hand and provided entertainment for all: Chairman, Charles A. Donahue; Andrew Dowd and James L. O'Dea.

LONG SESSION OF REICHSTAG

LONDON, Dec. 15.—"There is every reason to believe that the German reichstag will have to sit much longer than was expected in order to deal with the pressing situation among the masses," says the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News. "In order to appease these clamorings, it will need to deal with no fewer than one hundred and thirty resolutions, all relating to the distribution of food besides resolutions dealing with the social policy, which will require delicate handling and demands of better pay for the soldiers and sailors and better provision for the relief of war families."

KING DRIVEN OUT

PARIS, Dec. 15.—It is reported from Rome that King Peter of Serbia, driven from his country by the Teutonic invasion, will take refuge in Italy. A Rome despatch to the Mail says the king has accepted Italy's offer of the palace at Caserta, near Naples.

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